

# 336. Christopher Columbus and the discovery of America

## Things to think about - KS2 - PDFs only

### Set One - Did you know? Six (A4) sheets.

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**Did you know?**  
Christopher Columbus made a big mistake because he travelled to the wrong place. Since he thought he'd arrived in Asia, he called the lands he found the West Indies, and the people he met, Indians. They are still called this today - even though the West Indies are thousands of miles from India.



**Did you know?**  
Long ago, sailors were afraid to sail around Africa. This was because of a myth that said if people went too far south in the Atlantic Ocean, the Sun would burn them to ashes!



**Did you know?**  
Spanish explorer Vasco Nuñez de Balboa sailed to America in 1500 looking for treasure. He took his dog, Leoncico, with him. Leoncico never left his side and Balboa even paid him a wage!



**Did you know?**  
The Spanish explorer Francisco Pizarro captured the leader of the Incas, Atahualpa, in 1532. Atahualpa said that if Pizarro set him free, he would give him a room filled with gold. Once Atahualpa had handed over the gold, Pizarro killed him and took over the Inca city, Cuzco.



**Did you know?**  
In 1607, 100 British people arrived in what is now called the United States of America. They founded the first permanent settlement. Others soon followed. They called the Americas, the New World, and Europe and Africa became known as the Old World.



**Did you know?**  
Meriwether Lewis and William Clark travelled across America in 1803. They sailed down rivers on a boat. When the rivers became too narrow, they used canoes. Local Native American guides helped them paddle their canoe and find their way across America.



Captain John Smith established the first permanent English settlement in North America - the Virginia Colony at Jamestown.