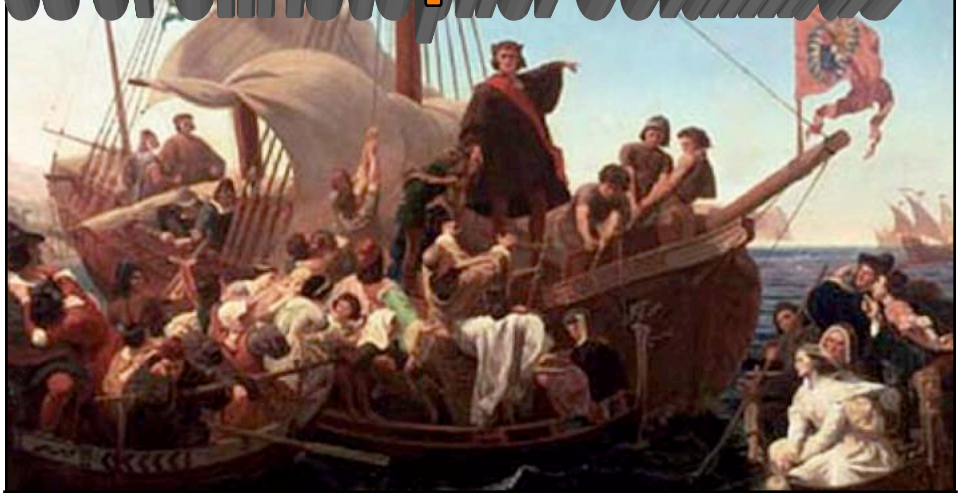


The Adventures of Christopher Columbus



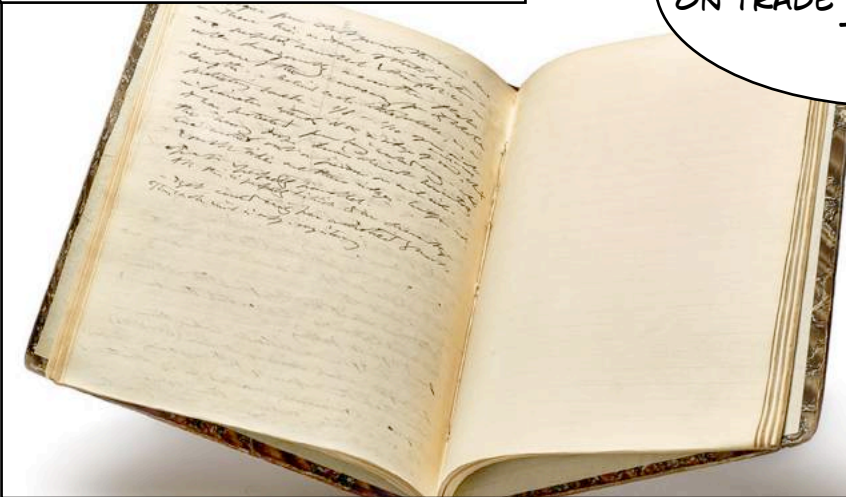
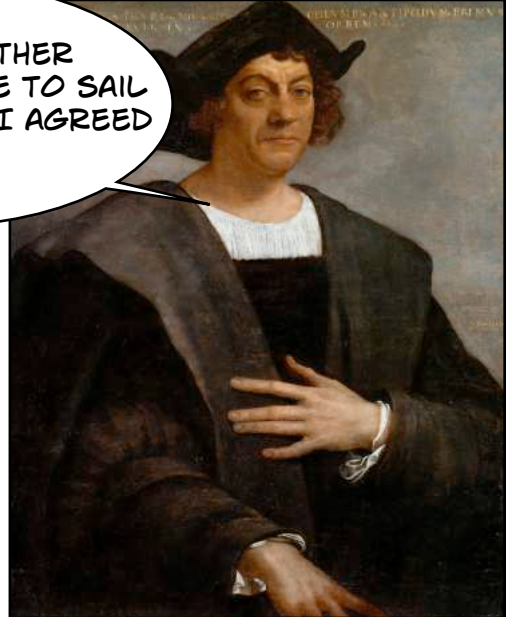
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS WAS BORN SOMETIME IN BETWEEN AUGUST 25TH AND OCTOBER 1ST IN THE YEAR 1451.



HIS FATHER WAS A WEAVER, BUT COLUMBUS ALWAYS DREAMED OF SAILING ACROSS THE SEA.

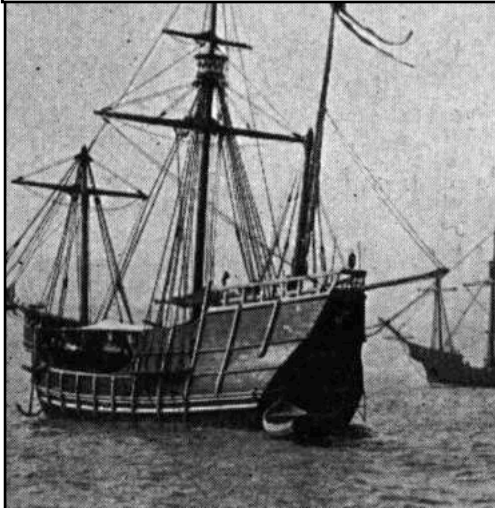
COLUMBUS DID NOT KNOW HOW TO READ AND WRITE, BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP HIM FROM FULFILLING HIS DREAM.

SOON, MY FATHER NEEDED SOMEONE TO SAIL ON TRADE TRIPS! I AGREED TO GO.



WHEN HE WAS SAILING, HE HAD DIFFERENT DESIRES. HE WANTED TO GO ON HIS OWN VOYAGES AND COMMAND A SHIP OF HIS OWN.

IT TOOK THREE TRIES FOR HIM TO CONVINCE QUEEN ISABELLA TO FUND HIS FIRST VOYAGE. HIS OTHER THREE VOYAGES WERE ALSO FUNDED BY THE QUEEN.



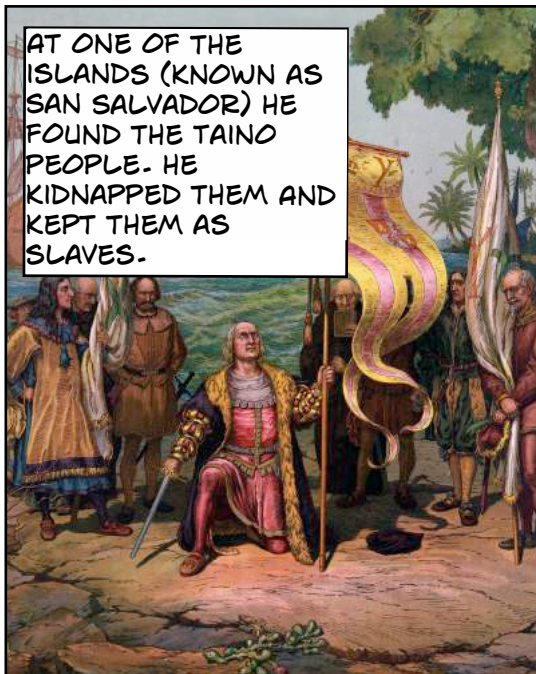
COLUMBUS TRIED TO REACH THE WEST INDIES (SOUTHERN ASIA AND JAPAN). HE PROPOSED SAILING WEST, WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS AN EASIER ROUTE. HE PLANNED TO SAIL 2,400 NAUTICAL MILES WEST.



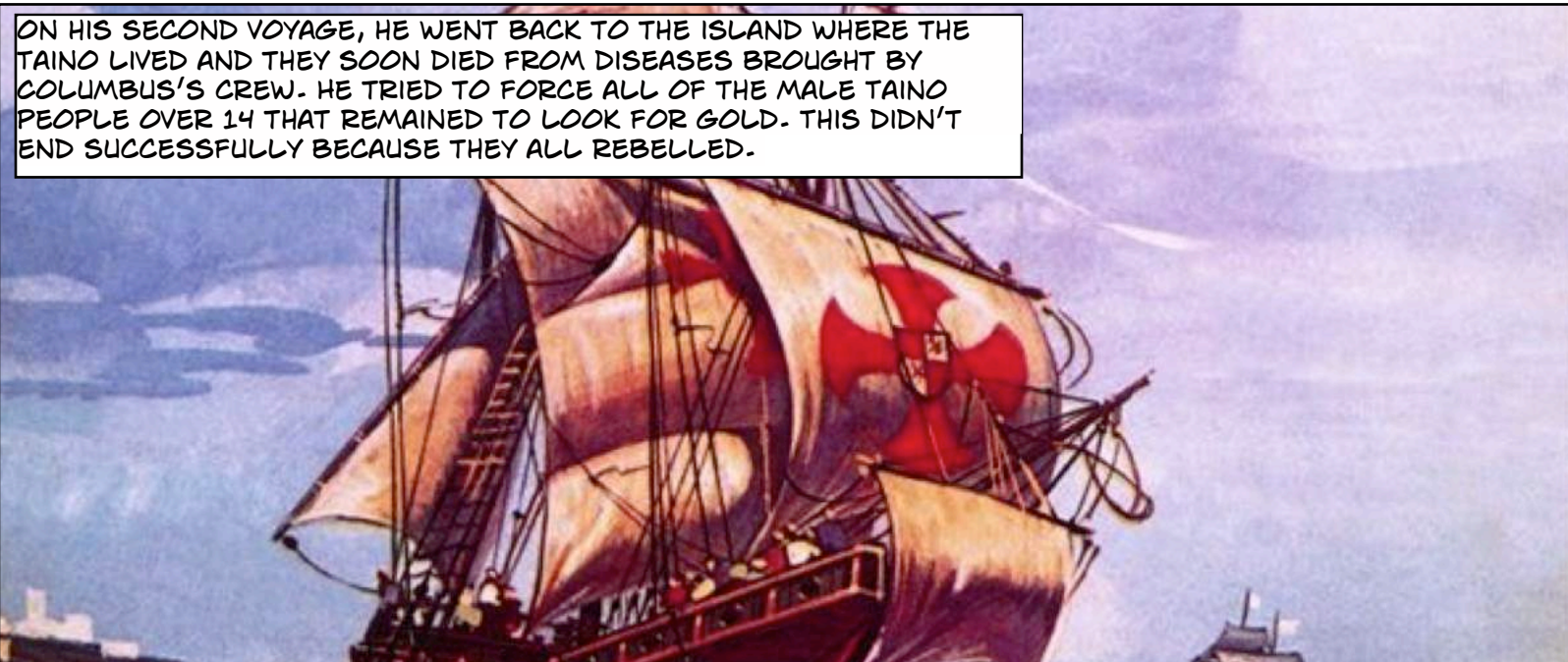
HIS MAIN GOALS WERE TO FIND GOLD AND ASIA. THE REASON HE WAS LOOKING FOR ASIA WAS BECAUSE HE SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH QUEEN ISABELLA OF SPAIN. IT SAID THAT IF HE FOUND ASIA, HE COULD BE GOVERNOR OF SOME OF THE SMALL ISLANDS HE FOUND ALONG THE WAY.



AT ONE OF THE ISLANDS (KNOWN AS SAN SALVADOR) HE FOUND THE TAINO PEOPLE. HE KIDNAPPED THEM AND KEPT THEM AS SLAVES.



ON HIS SECOND VOYAGE, HE WENT BACK TO THE ISLAND WHERE THE TAINO LIVED AND THEY SOON DIED FROM DISEASES BROUGHT BY COLUMBUS'S CREW. HE TRIED TO FORCE ALL OF THE MALE TAINO PEOPLE OVER 14 THAT REMAINED TO LOOK FOR GOLD. THIS DIDN'T END SUCCESSFULLY BECAUSE THEY ALL REBELLED.





LATER, I WENT ON MANY VOYAGES TO LOOK FOR ASIA.

COLUMBUS ACCIDENTALLY DISCOVERED THE CONTINENT NORTH AMERICA BY MISTAKE, AND THOUGHT IT WAS ASIA.



I'M NOT ASIA

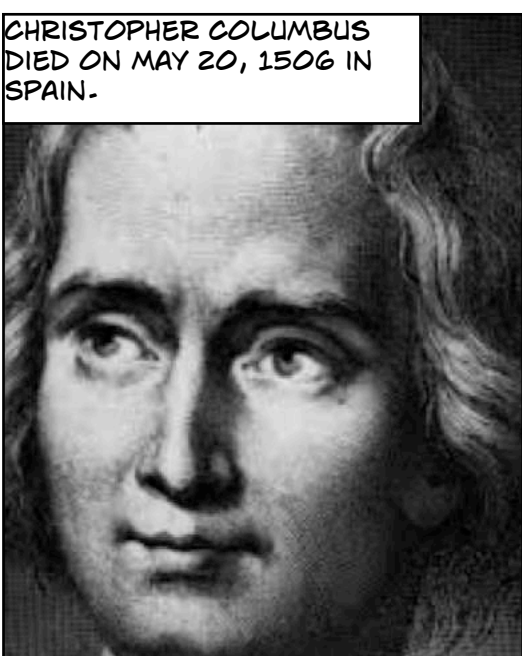
HE MADE ONE LAST VOYAGE TO LOOK FOR CHINA, BUT LATER ABANDONED IT.



HE WAS AN OUTSTANDING NAVIGATOR WHILE SAILING.



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DIED ON MAY 20, 1506 IN SPAIN.



COLUMBUS WAS KNOWN FOR MANY THINGS. ONE OF THE THINGS HE'S REMEMBERED FOR IS BEING THE FIRST EUROPEAN TO SIGHT THE ISLAND OF DOMINICA.

