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Columbus Day

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In fourteen hundred ninety-

two Columbus sailed the

ocean blue. He had three

ships and left from Spain.

He sailed through sunshine,



wind and rain. He sailed by

night. He sailed by day. He

used the stars to find his

way. A compass also helped

him know how to find the



way to go. Ninety sailors

were on board. Some men

worked while others snored.

Then the workers went to

sleep and others watched the



ocean deep. Day after day

they looked for land. They

dreamed of trees and rocks

and sand. October 12 their

dream came true. You never



saw a happier crew!

"Indians! Indians!" Columbus

cried. His heart was filled

with joyful pride. But

"India" the land was not.



It was the Bahamas and it

was hot. The Arakawa

natives were very nice. They

gave the sailors food and

spice. Columbus sailed on to



find some gold to bring

back home, as he'd been told.

He made the trip again and

again, trading gold to bring

to Spain.



The first American? No, not

quite. But Columbus was

brave and he was bright.

Note: The structure and punctuation of the original poem have been modified in order to provide complete sentences for educational purposes.

