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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.

