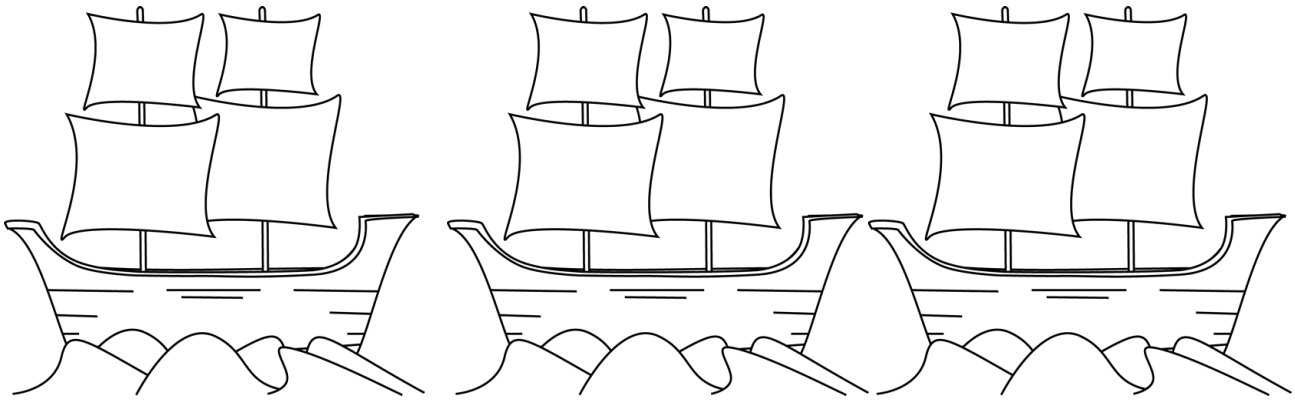
COLUMBUS DAY



On the second Monday of October, Americans celebrate Colombus Day. They remember Columbus' first voyage to America in 1492.

On August 3, 1492, Columbus and ninety men set sail. They went on three ships: the Santa Maria, the Niña, and the Pinta. It was a very hard trip! Many men were sick. All of them were tired. On October 11, they finally saw land. At first, Columbus thought they were in the Indies (in Asia). He and his crew thought the people they saw were Indian. Later, they learned that they were not in Asia. They were still happy to have a new place to trade with. Columbus named the area where they landed San Salvador.

Today in the United States, Columbus Day is on the second Monday in October. Banks and government offices are closed to honor this famous explorer



Santa Maria	Nina	Pinta