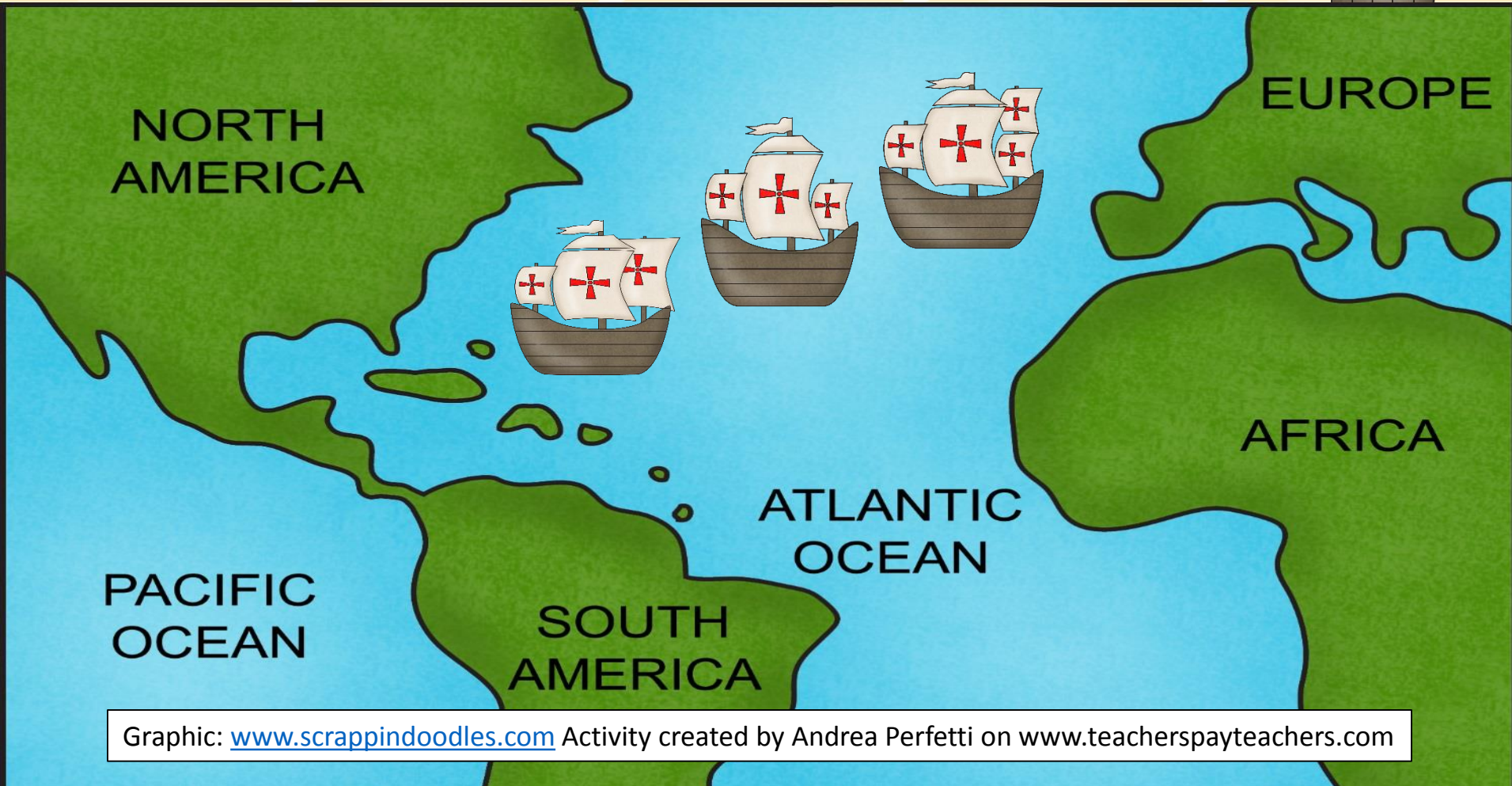


Christopher Columbus



An integrated learning activity.



This integrated art activity combines reading, math, and social studies. The poem, "1492," along with map skills provides a fun way for students to learn the history of Christopher Columbus' adventure to America. This activity can be done in smaller steps to extend over several days.

Directions:

Prepare ahead of time:

1. Print out pages 1-4.
2. Fold a 12x18 piece of blue construction paper into 3 equal sections (tri-fold).
3. You will also need 1 popsicle stick per student.

Introduce lesson:

Read a book about Christopher Columbus to introduce the lesson.

Step 1 (Picture 1)

- Have students complete the map (p.1) by gluing the labels (p.2) into the appropriate spaces.
- Glue the map on the inside of your tri-folded piece of blue construction paper. Glue it over the right and center side of the blue paper so there is nothing glued on the left side.

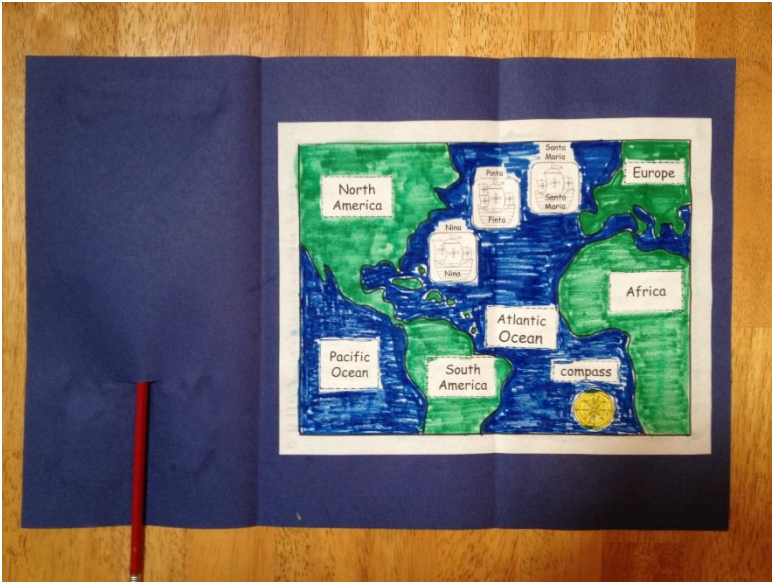
Step 2 (Picture 2)

- Read through poem with students. You can have them highlight the rhyming words and/or sight words. You could also incorporate a whole group activity by listing the facts they learned from the poem on chart paper.
- Fold left flap in towards center and glue poem and title from p.4 on the flap.

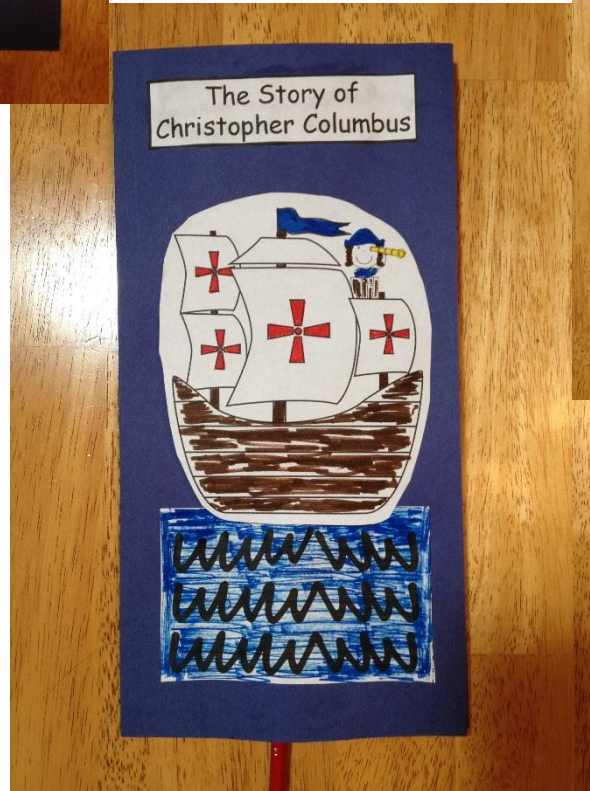
Step 3 (Picture 3)

- Have students color and cut out the title, ship and waves on p.3
- Fold in the left flap. This is your front cover. Glue title at top and waves toward the bottom.
- Glue popsicle stick to back of ship and cut a slit on the line indicated on the waves.
- Slip popsicle stick through slit. Now students can make the boat rock on the waves. 😊

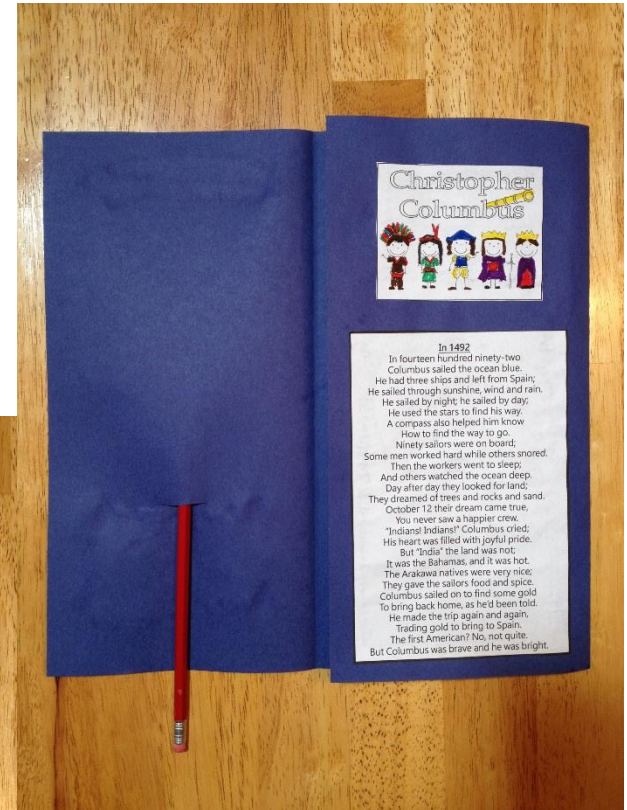
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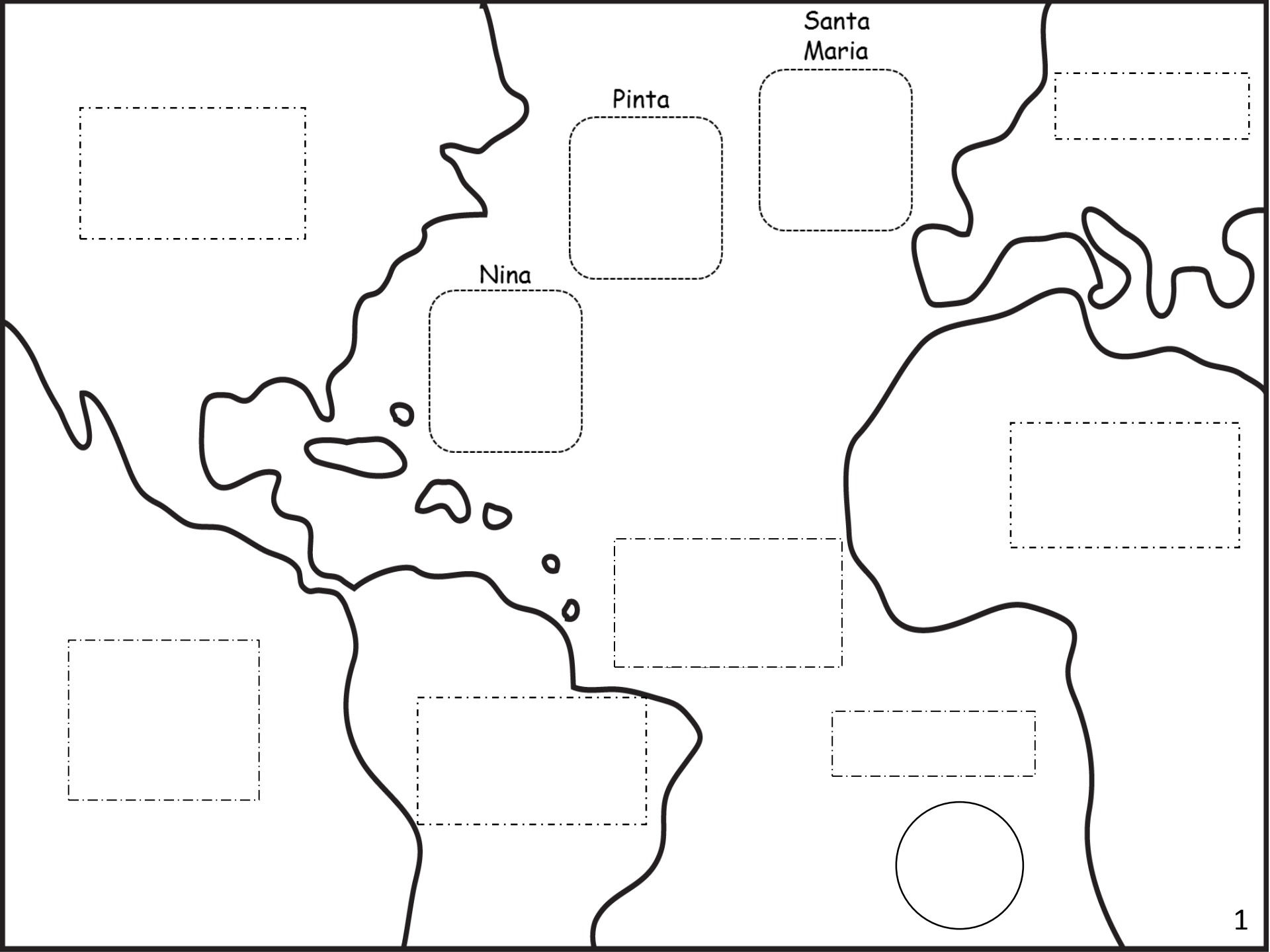


Picture 3



Picture 2





Santa
Maria

Pinta

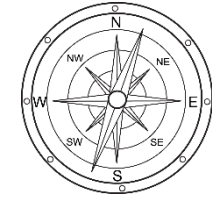
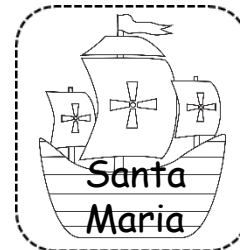
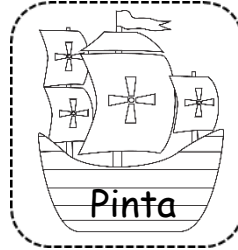
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North
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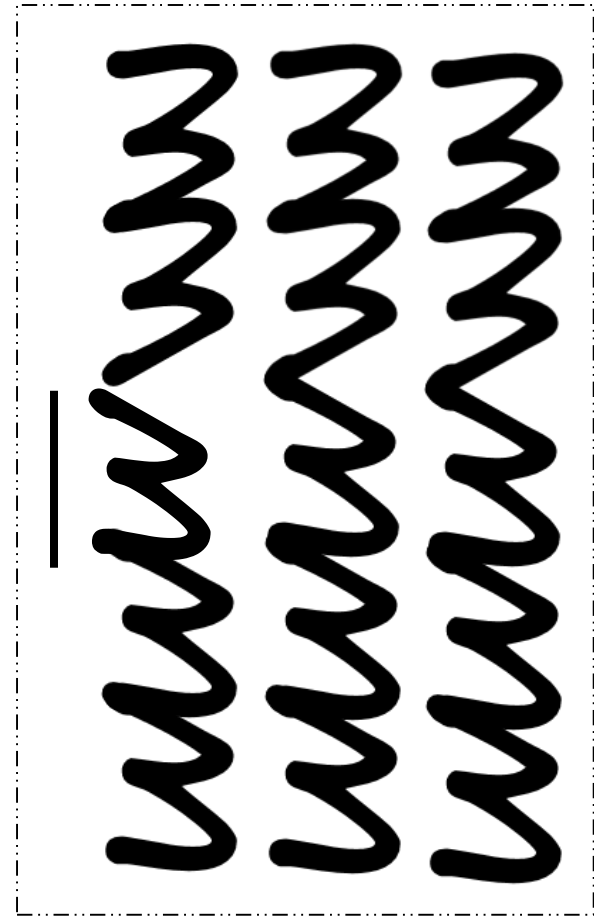
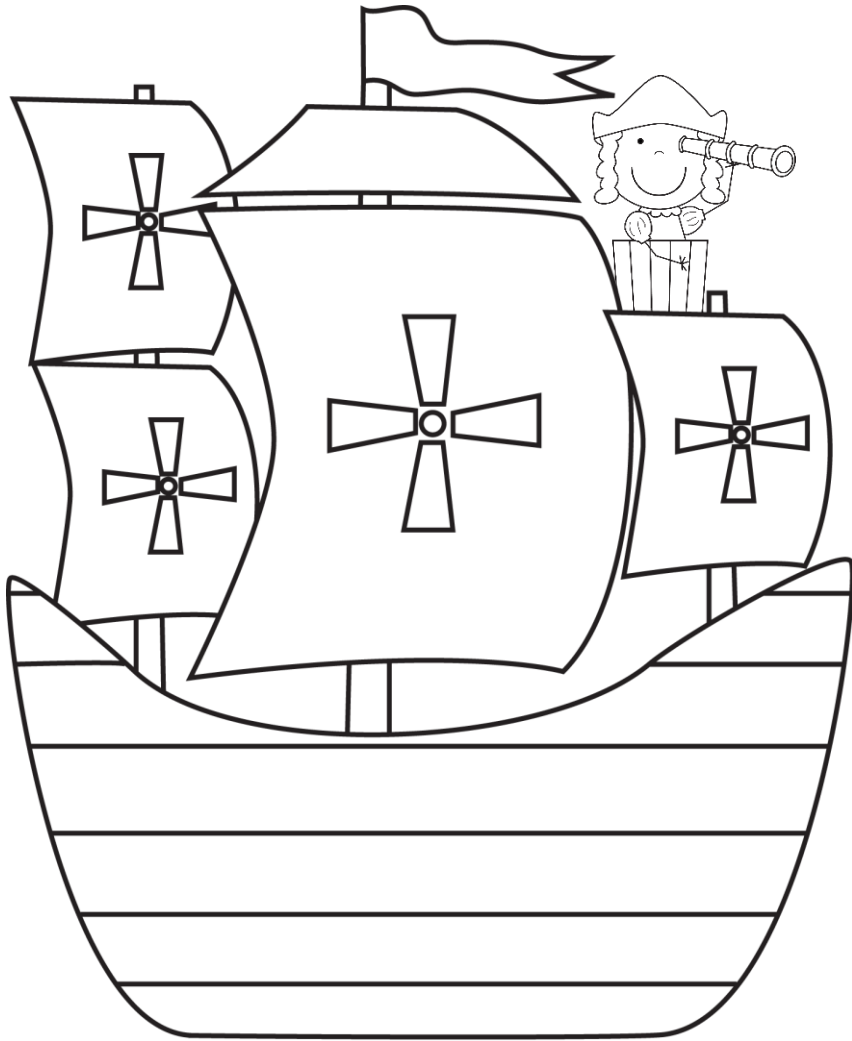
Pacific
Ocean

Atlantic
Ocean

compass

Directions: Cut each picture/word and glue it in the appropriate space on the map.

The Story of Christopher Columbus



In 1492

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 hard 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.

