Have you heard of Christopher Columbus? He was an explorer. He sailed across an ocean.

When he grew up, he learned to sail. He learned to read maps.
Christopher Columbus lived long ago. As a **boy**, he dreamed of boats and sailing.

Columbus wanted to sail to new places. He asked the **Queen** of Spain for help.
Columbus met the **people** who lived there. He saw the plants and animals. This place was new to him!

The Queen gave him three **ships**. Columbus set sail.

**Did You Know?** The three ships were called the Niña (**neen-ya**), the Pinta, and the Santa Maria.
A Big Trip for Columbus

Columbus had gone all the way across an ocean! The dotted line shows his trip. Trace it with a pencil.

The trip was long and hard. Columbus did not give up! At last, he saw an island.