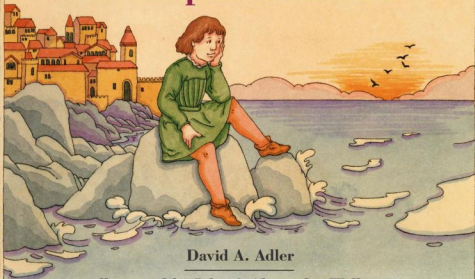


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Christopher Columbus was born in 1451 in Genoa, Italy. His parents were Susanna and Domenico Colombo. Domenico was a master weaver. Susanna was the daughter of a weaver.



Genoa is at the shore of the Ligurian Sea, part of the Mediterranean. When Christopher and others looked out over the water, they saw no end to it.

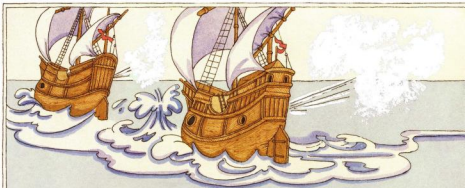
Christopher was a tall boy with a thin face and freckles. He worked in his father's shop, but he dreamed of going to sea.



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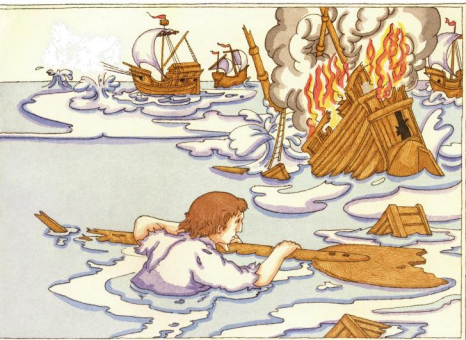


When Christopher was young, he took short trips on the sea. When he was older, he became a sailor.

In 1476, when he was twenty-five, Christopher was sailing on one of a group of ships headed for England. French pirates attacked, and the ship on which he was sailing sank. Christopher was injured and thrown into the sea. He grabbed onto some floating wood and made his way to the nearest shore.



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Christopher came ashore in Lagos, Portugal. He stayed there until he was well. Then he went to Lisbon, Portugal, where his brother Bartholomew lived. Together they ran a shop where they sold maps for sailors and books.

