



## Exploring The Atlantic

### By Sea

Christopher Columbus was a sailor. He lived over 500 years ago. Columbus wanted to travel to India and China. India and China are in the East. Columbus thought it would be quicker to go west. He wanted to travel around the world to them. The King of Spain gave Columbus three ships. In 1492, Columbus set sail. He travelled across the Atlantic Ocean. He didn't get to India and China. He found a new land, The Americas. The King of Spain was very happy. The King sent soldiers to take over the land. There were already people living there. The King was cruel to the people. He sent soldiers to steal their treasures. The King became rich. He turned the people into slaves.

### VIPERS QUESTIONS

**R**

Where was Columbus trying to get to?

**R**

Why did Columbus travel west?

**I**

How do you think the People in America felt when the soldiers arrived?

### By Plane

Amelia Earhart was a pilot. She flew planes in the 1920s and 30s. Flying was a lot different then. It could be dangerous. People thought only men should fly.

In 1932, Amelia set out on an adventure. She wanted to be the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic. She started in Newfoundland, Canada. The weather was very bad. Amelia had to fly through thick clouds. Sometimes her windshield and wings



were covered in ice. The flight was very tough. Amelia flew 3,230 km. The flight took 15 hours. She landed in Northern Ireland. She had made it across the Atlantic!

Amelia continued flying. She broke many records. She wanted to be the first woman to fly around the world. In 1937, she took off with Fred Noonan, an American pilot. They got across Africa and Asia. They reached New Guinea. Then, they disappeared. Amelia and Fred were never seen again. Many people think they must have crashed in the Pacific Ocean.

## VIPERS QUESTIONS

**R**

What was Amelia the first woman to do?

**P**

How do you think it might feel flying alone all that way for the first time?

**R**

What was Amelia trying to do when she disappeared?