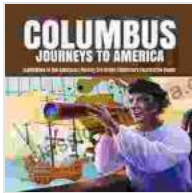


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Early Life and Voyages

Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy in 1451. As a young man, he became a skilled sailor and explorer. Columbus believed that the Earth was round, not flat as many people thought at the time. He dreamed of reaching Asia by sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean.

In 1492, Columbus set sail from Spain with three ships: the Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. After a long and perilous journey, Columbus reached land on October 12, 1492. He believed he had reached Asia and named the island he landed on San Salvador, which is now part of the Bahamas.

Discovery of the Americas

Columbus made four voyages to the Americas. During his voyages, he explored the Caribbean Islands, Central America, and South America. He claimed these lands for Spain and established settlements.

Columbus's voyages had a profound impact on the world. They led to the European discovery of the Americas and the subsequent colonization of the New World. The exchange of goods, ideas, and culture between Europe and the Americas had a lasting impact on both continents.

Impact of Columbus's Explorations

- **European colonization of the Americas:** Columbus's voyages paved the way for European nations to establish colonies in the Americas. This led to the displacement of indigenous peoples and the of European diseases, which decimated the native population.
- **Exchange of goods and ideas:** Columbus's voyages led to the exchange of goods and ideas between Europe and the Americas. Europeans brought new crops, livestock, and technology to the Americas, while the Americas introduced Europeans to new foods, such as corn, potatoes, and tomatoes.
- **Spread of Christianity:** Columbus's voyages also led to the spread of Christianity in the Americas. Spanish missionaries accompanied Columbus on his voyages and worked to convert the indigenous peoples to Catholicism.

Legacy of Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus is a controversial figure. He is praised for his courage and determination, but he is also criticized for his treatment of the indigenous peoples of the Americas. Columbus's legacy is complex and contested, but he remains one of the most important figures in world history.

Today, Columbus Day is celebrated in many countries in the Americas. It is a day to remember Columbus's voyages and their impact on the world. However, Columbus Day is also a day to reflect on the complex history of European colonization and its lasting effects on indigenous peoples.

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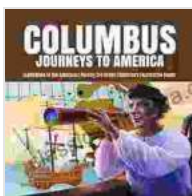
Timeline of Columbus's Voyages

- **1492:** Columbus sets sail from Spain on his first voyage to the Americas.

- **1493:** Columbus returns to Spain after reaching the Bahamas, Cuba, and Hispaniola.
- **1498:** Columbus sets sail from Spain on his third voyage to the Americas.
- **1499:** Columbus reaches the mainland of South America.
- **1502:** Columbus sets sail from Spain on his fourth and final voyage to the Americas.
- **1503:** Columbus returns to Spain after exploring the coast of Central America.
- **1506:** Columbus dies in Spain.

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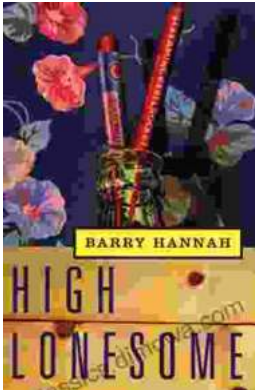
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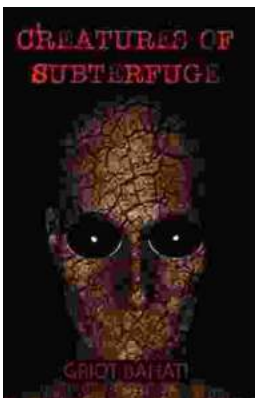
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