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1. What land did Columbus discover after the Canary Islands in 1492? Bahamas (San Salvador)
2. Name the 3 ships that sailed on Columbus first voyage? Nina Pinta Santa Maria
3. What was the length (in months) of Columbus first voyage? 8 months
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5. Which voyage did Columbus discover South America? Third Voyage