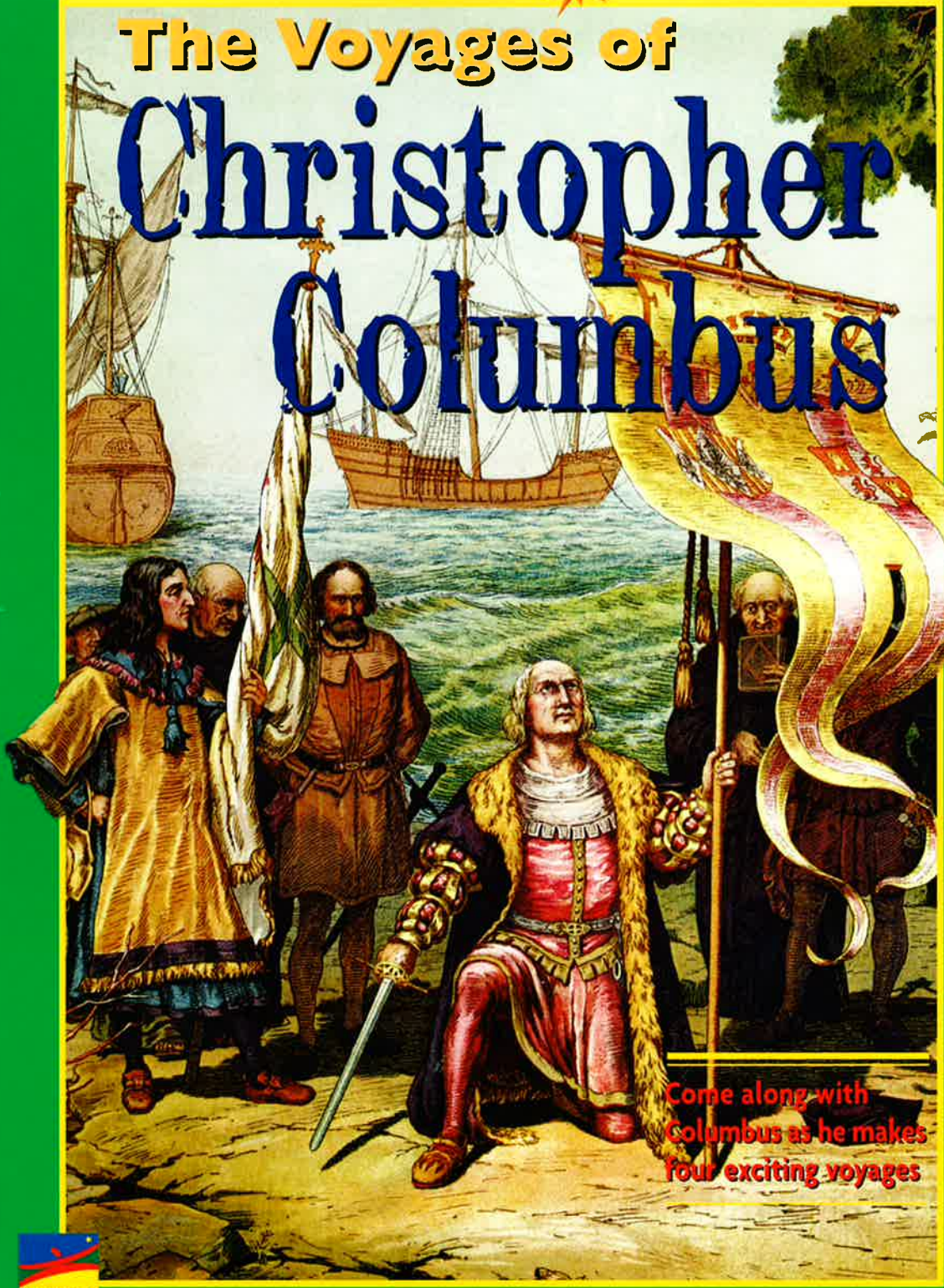
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Identify Sequence of Events

As you read this book, look for events that happened in a certain time order. Be sure to look for clue words that help you determine the order of events.

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Prefix **un-**

As you read, look for words with the prefix **un-**, like **unlucky**. The prefix **un-** sometimes means "not."

Look for these text and graphic features.

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- Introduction
- Sidebars
- Conclusion
- Glossary
- Index
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- Inset maps. Pages 10, 17, 22
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Content Vocabulary

almanac
colony
doldrums
eclipse
enslave
malaria
marooned
reef

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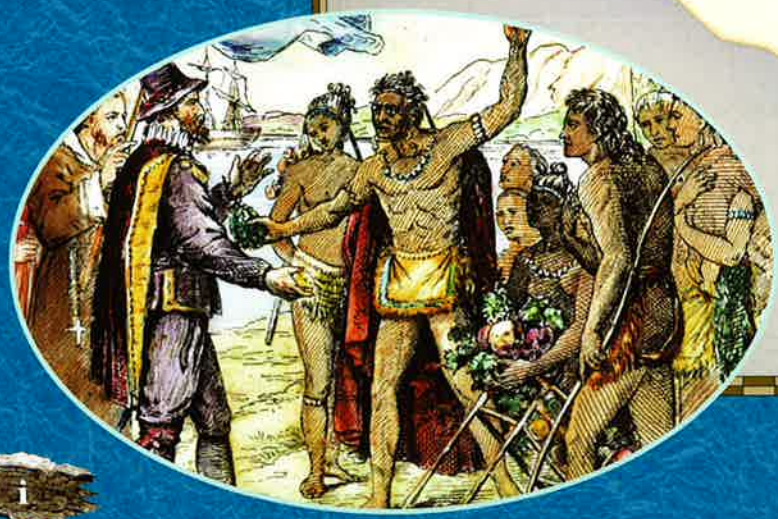
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Central America

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Words To Think About

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Characteristics

- yearly book
- has information
- ?

almanac

What do you think the word **almanac** means?

Topics

- sun, moon, stars
- weather
- ?

malaria

What do you think the word **malaria** means?

- Italian: **mala** (bad)
- Italian: **aria** (air)

Read for More Clues

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colony, page 8
malaria, page 25

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colony

What do you think the word **colony** means in this book?

Meaning 1
a gathering of artists
(noun)

Meaning 2
an ant's home
(noun)

Meaning 3
a land ruled by a country far away
(noun)



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Introduction

"In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue."



As the poem says, Christopher Columbus sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in 1492. Columbus was not the first person to discover America. Native peoples had been living in America for thousands of years. Vikings from northern Europe had also landed in America before Columbus. But Columbus did lead the way in exploring America.

Columbus's first voyage, or trip, was very important. He also made three more trips. On each trip he found new things. He visited new lands.