

Cards for factors in Columbus' life to go with lesson 1.

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Became a sailor at age 14.

Survived a sinking ship by swimming to shore landing near Prince Henry's academy of seamanship.

Had a sense of being saved to make the great discovery to the west.

Used Portugal as his homebase—Lisbon was the most western city and the meeting place of all mariners bent on discovery.

Was around people who talked about sailing Westward.

Had a brother who was a mapmaker.

Had a sense that it was his fate to discover the Indies from the west.

Married the daughter of one of Prince Henry's first explorers for the coast of Africa.

Settled with her and his brother-in-law on the island of Madeira and became familiar with much of the South Atlantic.

Studied mapmakers like Ptolomy.

Read Marco Polo studiously. Had a book of his own and made notes in the margins.

Had an imagination full of possibilities of discovery.

Wanted honor and wealth (in that order).