Christopher Columbus Fun Facts

#1: Christopher Columbus was a navigator, Colonizer and experloer whose voyage took him across the Atlantic.

#2: He was funded by Queen Isabella of Spain

#3: He was not the first to discover Americas but he was the first to imitate widespread contact between Europe and the Americans.

#4: The “New World” is referred to as America during Christopher Columbus era.

#5: The anniversary of Columbus's 1492 landing in the Americas is observed as Columbus Day

#6: August 3, 1492, Columbus departed from Palos de la Frontera with three ships; one larger carrack, Santa María, and two smaller caravels, Pinta and Santa Clara.

#7: Americans remember Columbus in many ways. Places are named for him, such as the District of Columbia; Columbus, Ohio; and Columbia, South Carolina. Columbia is a nickname for the United States in several songs. Columbia University is named for Columbus. Hundreds of schools are named for him. There is a famous statue of Columbus at Columbus Circle in New York.

#8: On October 12th after 5 weeks at sea Christopher Columbus and his men went ashore to what is now known as the Bahamas. Columbus named the island San Salvador and the people that lived on the land called their island Guahanal.

#9: Only 90 men made the first voyage of discovery.

#10: Women were not on the first or second voyages of Columbus. The first women colonists appeared in 1498, when Columbus was allowed to recruit one woman for every ten emigrants on the third voyage.

#11: Seventeen ships and over twelve-hundred men made up "The GrandFleet" of the second voyage in 1493.

#12: Horses were introduced to the new world by Columbus on his second voyage.