



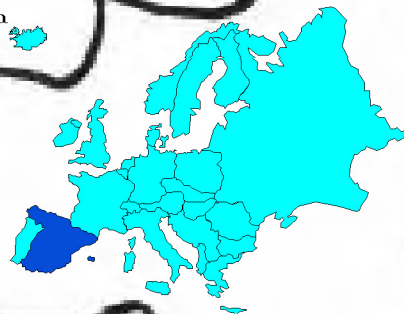
Christopher Columbus was searching for a shorter route to "the Indies" (Asia)

Columbus called the natives he met "Indians" because he thought he was in the Indies.



Landed in San Salvador (the Bahamas). He thought he was in Asia.

The trip took much longer than expected, and Columbus' men were ready to mutiny.



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