

Set Sail with Columbus

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FIVE U.S. COMMEMORATIVE coins have been issued to celebrate Christopher Columbus' discovery of America. A silver half dollar was produced in 1892 and 1893; a silver quarter dollar in 1893; and a clad half dollar, silver dollar and gold \$5 in 1992. As we mark the observance of Columbus Day this month, take this quiz to test your knowledge of the explorer, his voyages and our commemorative coinage.

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◀ U.S. half dollars issued in 1892 (top) and 1992 are just two of many numismatic items that commemorate Christopher Columbus' discovery of America in 1492.

- How many voyages did Christopher Columbus make to the New World?
a. one b. two c. three d. four
- What was the name of Columbus' flagship on his 1492 voyage?
a. *Santa Maria* b. *Nina* c. *Pinta* d. *Santa Clara*
- For what country did Columbus sail?
a. England b. Spain
c. Portugal d. Italy
- Name the monarchs who supported Columbus' quest.
a. William & Mary b. Victoria & Albert
c. Elizabeth & Philip d. Isabella & Ferdinand
- The 1893 World's Columbian Exposition is commemorated on U.S. quarter and half dollar coins. Where was the Exposition held?
a. New York b. Boston c. Chicago d. Philadelphia
- Columbus never abandoned his belief that he had reached this continent.
a. South America b. Australia c. Asia d. Africa
- What title did the queen give Columbus?
a. Admiral of the Indies b. Admiral of the Ocean Seas
c. Admiral of the World d. Admiral of the Americas
- On a 1992 commemorative dollar, what image is combined with that of the *Santa Maria*?
a. Space Shuttle *Discovery* b. cruise ship
c. Native American dugout d. U.S.S. *Constitution*
- Columbus' crest is pictured on a 1992 commemorative gold \$5. Which of these elements are part of his crest?
a. castle b. five golden anchors
c. lion d. islands on a wavy sea
- What U.S. Mint facility struck the 1992 commemorative half dollar and dollar?
a. San Francisco b. Philadelphia
c. Denver d. West Point
- Commemorative half dollars were sold at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. For how much did they sell?
a. 50 cents b. 75 cents
c. \$1 d. \$2
- Commemorative quarter dollars were sold at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. What was their original price tag?
a. 25 cents b. 50 cents
c. 75 cents d. \$1

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| 1. d | 7. b |
| 2. a | 8. a |
| 3. b | 9. a, b, c & d |
| 4. d | 10. c |
| 5. c | 11. c |
| 6. c | 12. d |