

Reading Fluency: Christopher Columbus

Fluency means being able to read a text quickly, accurately, and with expression. A fluent reader is better able to understand the text. Rereading and reading aloud is a good strategy for becoming a more fluent reader.

To practice reading fluently:

- Set a timer for one minute.
- Read the passage as quickly and accurately as possible.
- Mark the last word read when the timer goes off.
- Record the words *per minute* read in the chart at the bottom.



Word Count: 100

Christopher Columbus was an explorer. He was from Italy. He made 11
four famous journeys. He took ships and many people on his trips. 23

Columbus sailed for Spain. He took three ships on his major voyage in 36
1492. They were the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria. Columbus wanted to 48
get to Asia. He did not get there. 56

The trips were long and dangerous. The sailors were scared of sea 68
monsters and getting lost. They were happy to spot land. In 1492, 80
they landed in the Americas. Columbus called it the New World. 91

We remember Columbus for his discoveries and famous voyages. 100

To determine *Words Per Minute*, count the amount of correct words the student read in one minute. Record that number in the box.

	1st Read	2nd Read	3rd Read
Words Per Minute			