

8TH GRADE UNIT 9 SCIENCE SKILLS WORKSHEET

Christopher Columbus, 1492

Christopher Columbus, born in Italy, always dreamed of being a *sailor*. When he was 13, Christopher became a cabin boy. He sailed to many lands and became a captain. For many years, Columbus asked kings and queens to give him money for food and ships so he could find a new route to China and India.

Finally King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain gave him money. In return he *promised* to give them new lands, spices, and new people to become Christians. Columbus had three ships: the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. They left Spain in August, 1492.

On October 12th, after two months of a difficult journey, the Pinta first *spotted* land. Columbus called this land San Salvador. No one knows the exact **location** of the landing spot, but it is often thought to be an island in what is now called the Bahamas.

In the late 18th century, many countries started celebrating the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's *arrival* in the Americas on October 12, 1492.

A) Circle the correct option.

1) Sailor:

- a) Seaman
- b) Tailor
- c) Crew

b) Marked

c) Discovered

2) Promised:

- a) Began
- b) Asked for
- c) Assured

b) Thought

c) Position

3) Spotted:

- a) Noticed

4) Location:

a) Situation

5) Arrival:

a) Coming

b) Starting

c) Approval

B) Read the text and Mark the sentences below as True or False.

- 1) Christopher Columbus was born in Spain.
- 2) He always dreamed of being a sailor.
- 3) Finally King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella gave him Money.
- 4) Columbus had five ships.
- 5) On October 12th, after three months of a difficult journey, the Pinta first spotted land.

- 6) Many countries started celebrating the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas.

C) Read the text again and answer the questions below.

- 1) When did Christopher Columbus become a cabin boy?

- 2) Why did he ask money for food and ships to Kings and Queens?

- 3) What did he promise to King and Queen?

- 4) When did the ships leave Spain?

- 5) How long did the journey take?

- 6) Which ship spotted the land?

- 7) What did Columbus name the first spotted land?

- 8) When did many countries start to celebrate the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas?

D) Write questions to the answers.

1- A: _____

B: Three years ago.

2- A: _____

B: In the school lab.

3- A: _____

B: Gravity.

4- A: _____

B: Alexander Fleming.

5- A: _____

B: By doing experiments.

6- A: _____

B: Nucleus.

7- A: _____

B: Yes, we do.

8- A: _____

B: In 1957.

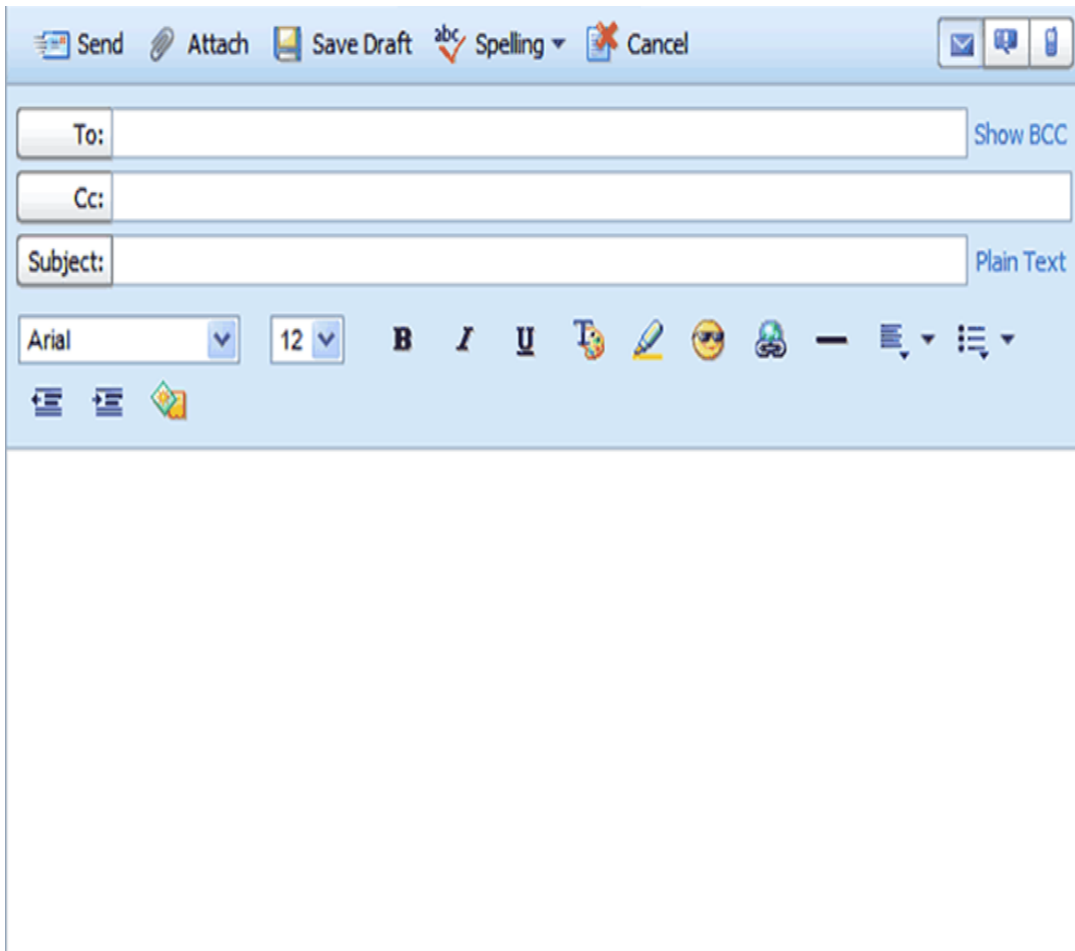
9- A: _____

B: The movements of electrons produce a form of energy.

10-A: _____

B: Christopher Columbus.

E) Write an e-mail to your grandparents and ask their opinions about the inventions fifty years ago and the latest technological inventions.



CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING PART

1) What are your opinions about the latest technological inventions? Are they useful or not? Answer them by giving concrete reasons!

2) Imagine that you are one of the inventors of the 21st century. What do you want to invent to change dramatically our life? And Why? Answer them by giving concrete reasons!
