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First Voyage Fill-In Answer Key

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| 1. 1492 | 6. Pinta |
| 2. Spain | 7. Santa Maria |
| 3. Indies | 8. crew |
| 4. Atlantic | 9. America |
| 5. Nina | 10. gold |

Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** Reinforces reading comprehension and vocabulary related to **Columbus's first voyage**, helping students practice using **context clues** and key **Age of Exploration terms**.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide a simplified word bank for struggling readers or fewer blanks to focus on comprehension.
 - For advanced students, remove the word bank and have them fill in from memory.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Read the passage aloud and pause at each blank for students to shout out answers.
 - Display a world map and trace Columbus's route together to build spatial understanding.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students write a short diary entry as a sailor aboard the Santa Maria.
 - Ask students to compare Columbus's voyage to another explorer's journey (e.g., Magellan or da Gama).