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# ***CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (BY LABRINI PATSOURA)***

Christopher Columbus was born in Genoa in 1451 in Italy. The origin of Columbus is disputed and many areas claim its origin. He was most likely born in Genoa, but some claim to be of Spanish descent from Aragon, Galicia, or Portugal. It is generally believed that Christopher Columbus was born between August 25 and October 31, 1451 in Genoa. His father Dominic Columbus belonged to the middle class and worked in Genoa and Savona. His mother's name was Sussana Fondarossa and his brother's name was Giovanni Pellegrino and Jacopo.

Columbus did not write in his mother tongue. In one of his texts, he claims that he went to the sea at the age of 10. In 1470, his family moved to Savona. He died in Vallaroid, Spain in 1506 and he was buried in a monastery in the city. Three years later, his body was transferred to a monastery in Seville and in 1537 to the Cathedral of St. Dominic on the island of Spain. The body of Diego's son was also transported. In 1795, Spain ceded the island to France, and the two bodies were transported back to the Iberian Peninsula. However, there is a possibility that a mistake was made during the transfer, since in 1877 a tomb was accidentally discovered in Saint Dominic, with the inscription: << The exalted and exalted, Don Cristobal Colombus >>.

Historians consider his arrival to America, in 1492, a historical milestone and call the period before that pre-Columbian. Although there is ample evidence of pre-Columbian contacts between America and the other continents, Columbus is credited with the discovery of America, as his voyage marked the beginning of the colonization of the New Earth, alternatively called the American Continent.

The state of Colombia in South America and the asteroid 327 Columbia, discovered in 1892, took their name from the famous seaman.

