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A Poem for Columbus

Directions: People! People! Remember the poem that Jose shared with Room One about Christopher Columbus? Well, that was just the beginning! See if you can fill in the blanks with rhyming words in the rest of the poem to tell the whole story!

In 1492

In fourteen hundred ninety-two,
Columbus sailed the ocean _____.

October 12th their dream came true,
You never saw a happier _____.

He had three ships and left from Spain;
He sailed through sunshine, wind and _____.

"Indians, Indians!" Columbus cried;
His heart was filled with joy and _____.

He sailed by night; he sailed by day;
He used the stars to find his _____.

But "India" the land was not;
It was the Bahamas, and it was _____.

A compass also helped him know
How to find the way to _____.

The Arakawa natives were very nice;
They gave the sailors food and _____.

Ninety sailors were onboard;
Some men worked while others _____.

Columbus sailed on to find some gold
To bring back home, as he'd been _____.

Then the workers went to sleep;
And others watched the ocean _____.

He made the trip again and again,
Trading gold to bring to _____.

Day after day they looked for land;
They dreamed of trees and rocks and _____.

The first American? No, not quite.
But Columbus was brave, and he was _____.

Note: Poem taken from www.teachingheart.net/columbus.htm

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