

Keystage history

Knowledge organiser

Christopher
Columbus and
Grace Darling

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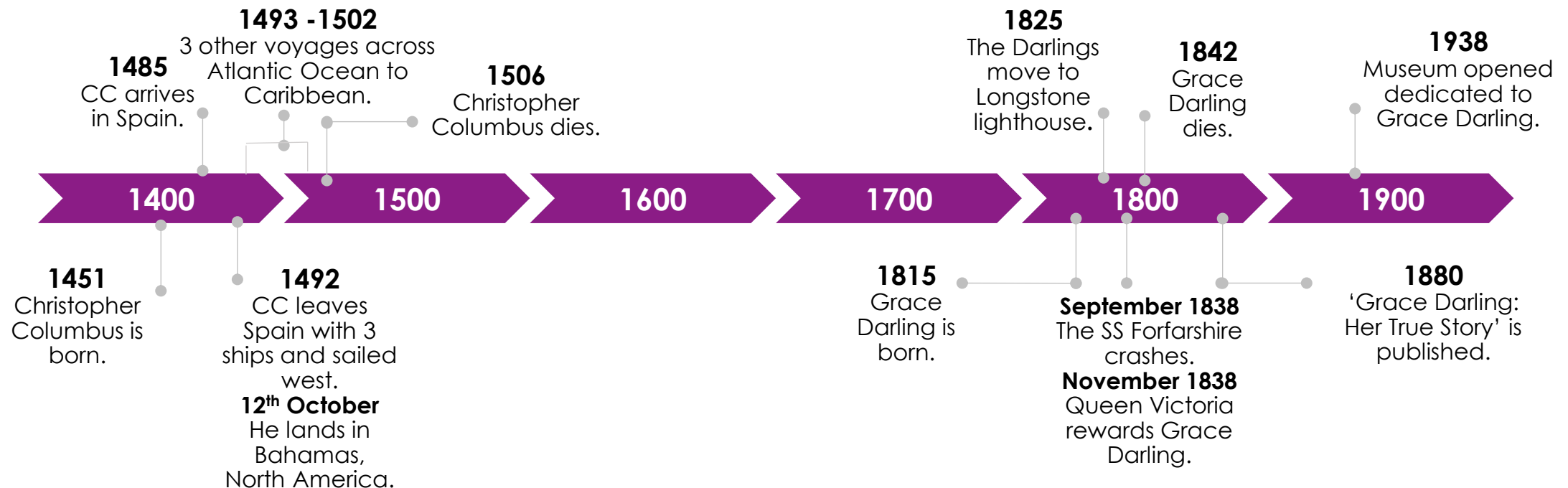


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Why these significant individuals are important

Christopher Columbus was a **sailor**. His first voyage nearly ended in disaster as his ship was attacked and set on fire by pirates. Columbus only survived by swimming to land. He became famous as the explorer who found new lands called '**The Americas**'. But actually, many people already lived there.

Grace Darling is remembered for the rescue she undertook with her father in the Farne Islands in 1838. Grace and her father rowed to the rescue, bringing nine survivors who had been clinging to rocks safely back to Longstone Lighthouse. After the rescue Grace received awards for her bravery; she also became a national celebrity, with presents sent to her from well-wishers all across the country - including Queen Victoria herself.



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Key vocabulary

Continent	A large area of land that may be made up of several countries
Compass	An item used to show direction.
Explorer	A person who explores a new or unfamiliar area.
Famous	Someone who is known by many people.
Navigator	A person in a vehicle who decides the direction in which the vehicle travels
Ocean	One of the five large areas of sea on the earth's surface.
Sailor	A person whose job it is to work as a member of the crew on a ship or boat. This was the largest of the ships used by Christopher Columbus in his first voyage across the Atlantic Ocean in 1492, the others being the Niña and the Pinta.
Santa Maria	
Voyage	Long journey involving travel by sea.
Heroine	A woman who has done something brave and who is admired by lots of people.
Lighthouse	A tower or other structure containing a beacon light to warn or guide ships at sea.
Rescue	Save someone from a dangerous or difficult situation.
Survivor	A person who survives, especially a person remaining alive after an event in which others have died.

Websites

[Who was Christopher Columbus? - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Grace Darling - BBC Teach](#)

[Christopher Columbus - Kids | Britannica Kids | Homework Help](#)

[The story of Grace Darling \(rnl.org\)](#)

Top takeaways

Having studied this topic you should be able to:

- Explain how Columbus became famous.
- Understand why Columbus did what he did
- Talk about what life was like on a long journey back then.
- Explain who Grace Darling is and why she is famous today.
- Identify ways in which sea rescue has improved, comparing then and now.

Books to read

- The Story of Grace Darling (Puffin Books) by Helen Cresswell
- Grace Darling: Band 07 Turquoise/Band 17 Diamond (Collins Big Cat Progress) by Anita Ganeri
- Who Was Christopher Columbus? Biography for Kids 6-8 by Baby Professor
- Christopher Columbus (History Heroes) by Damien Harvey