American Myths: Christopher Columbus

The story of Christopher Columbus—how much of it is story? Throughout the growth of Columbus into a near-mythological figure, additions and subtractions have been made to and from his life, accompanied by shifts in how he is perceived and memorialized. Decide whether these statements about Columbus (and his holiday) are true or false.

1. Columbus set sail to prove the world was round.
   - [ ] True
   - [ ] False

2. Columbus was the first to discover America in 1492.
   - [ ] True
   - [ ] False

3. Columbus was motivated by money and economic benefit.
   - [ ] True
   - [ ] False

4. Columbus was motivated by religion.
   - [ ] True
   - [ ] False

5. Columbus died a penniless man.
   - [ ] True
   - [ ] False

6. Columbus Day was first celebrated in 1892 as part of the World’s Columbian Exposition.
   - [ ] True
   - [ ] False

Sources:


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