

SCREEVER'S ALIEN ARTY-FACTS



IN THIS EDITION OF SCREEVER'S ALIEN ARTY-FACTS YOU'LL LEARN HOW TO DRAW THIS CARTOON VERSION OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AND DISCOVER MORE ABOUT HOW HE CAME TO BE ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS EXPLORERS ON EARTH.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS BECAME ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS EXPLORERS ON EARTH. HE "DISCOVERED" THE AMERICAS IN 1492, BUT BELIEVED HE'D REACHED SOMEPLACE ELSE. ALSO, THE FACT THAT HE WAS EVEN ABLE TO ATTEMPT HIS VOYAGE WAS BECAUSE OF A MAJOR MISCALCULATION OF DISTANCE. IT WASN'T EASY, BUT COLUMBUS GOT THERE AND HIS EXPLORATIONS HELPED SHAPED THE WORLD OF TODAY.



BEFORE WE GET STARTED...

...HERE ARE A FEW DRAWING TIPS.

START BY DRAWING LOOSELY AND LIGHTLY. IT IS EASIER TO CORRECT YOUR LINE WORK IF IT ISN'T TOO DARK. ONCE YOU GET THE DRAWING REFINED YOU CAN GO OVER EVERYTHING WITH A DARKER LINE.

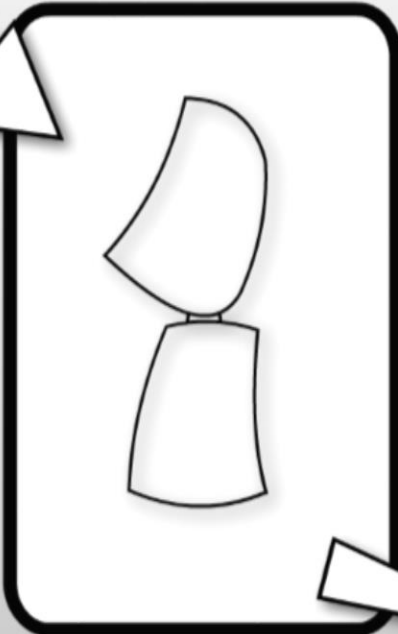
DON'T GET DISCOURAGED IF YOUR DRAWING ISN'T PERFECT. BECOMING A GOOD ARTIST COMES WITH LOTS OF PRACTICE. SO IF YOU MESS UP THEN TAKE TIME TO CORRECT THE DRAWING OR START OVER ON A NEW SURFACE.

KEEP IN MIND THAT WITH EACH STEP I DRAW THE NEWEST LINES IN GRAY. THIS WAY IT IS EASIER TO SEE WHICH PARTS TO KEEP AND WHICH PARTS NEED TO BE ERASED.

NOW, RELAX AND HAVE SOME FUN.

STEP #1

BEGIN BY DRAWING THE SHAPES FOR THE HEAD AND TORSO THEN DRAW A NECK. I'VE KEPT THESE SHAPES SIMPLE. LEAVE ROOM ABOVE FOR THE HAT AND BELOW FOR LEGS.



STEP #2

NOW, ADD SHAPES FOR THE EYES AND HAT AND REMEMBER TO ERASE EXTRA LINES THAT YOU WON'T NEED. THEN, DRAW IN THE SHAPES FOR THE ARMS, HANDS, LEGS AND BOOTS.

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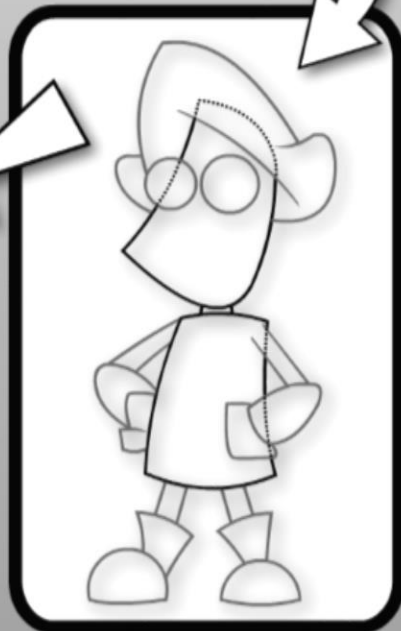
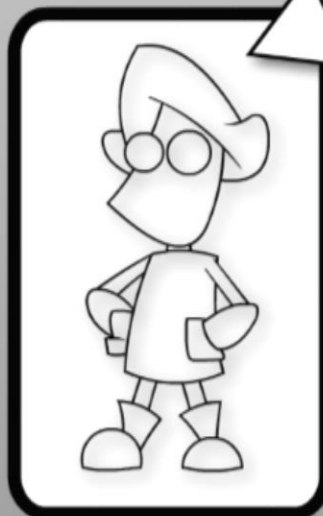
"IGNORANCE IS BLISS"

COLUMBUS BELIEVED IT WAS ONLY 2,400 MILES FROM EUROPE TO ASIA (GOING WEST). IT IS ACTUALLY 10,000 MILES AND THERE ARE TWO GIANT CONTINENTS (NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA) BLOCKING THE WAY. OF COURSE, COLUMBUS HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THIS AND THAT MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

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HE'LL FALL OFF OF THE EDGE!

EVERYONE THOUGHT THE EARTH WAS FLAT, AND IF COLUMBUS SAILED WEST HE WOULD FALL OFF THE EDGE - THAT IS A BIG MYTH. IN TRUTH, MOST EDUCATED PEOPLE KNEW THAT THE EARTH WAS ROUND. THEY ALSO KNEW THAT IF YOU SAILED WEST YOU WOULD EVENTUALLY GET TO ASIA. THE REASON MOST PEOPLE DIDN'T THINK COLUMBUS COULD DO IT WAS THEY BELIEVED THE WESTERN ROUTE BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA WAS TOO DISTANT AND TOO DANGEROUS.





STEP #3

DRAW THE HAIR AND NOSE. ADD FINGERS TO THE HAND SHAPES AND DETAIL LINES ON HIS COAT. DON'T FORGET TO ERASE LINES THAT YOU DON'T NEED.



STEP #4

ADD THE PUPILS, EYEBROWS AND MOUTH. ALSO DRAW THE SMALL DETAILS ON THE ELBOW, VEST AND CUFF OF THE BOOTS.



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STUBBORN BELIEF

COLUMBUS REACHED THE AMERICAS IN 1492 THINKING HE HAD ACTUALLY REACHED ASIA. HE WOULD MAKE THREE MORE VOYAGES, AND EVEN THOUGH MORE AND MORE PEOPLE REALIZED THAT IT WAS A NEW WORLD, COLUMBUS REFUSED TO BELIEVE IT WAS NOT ASIA - EVEN UNTIL THE DAY HE DIED.

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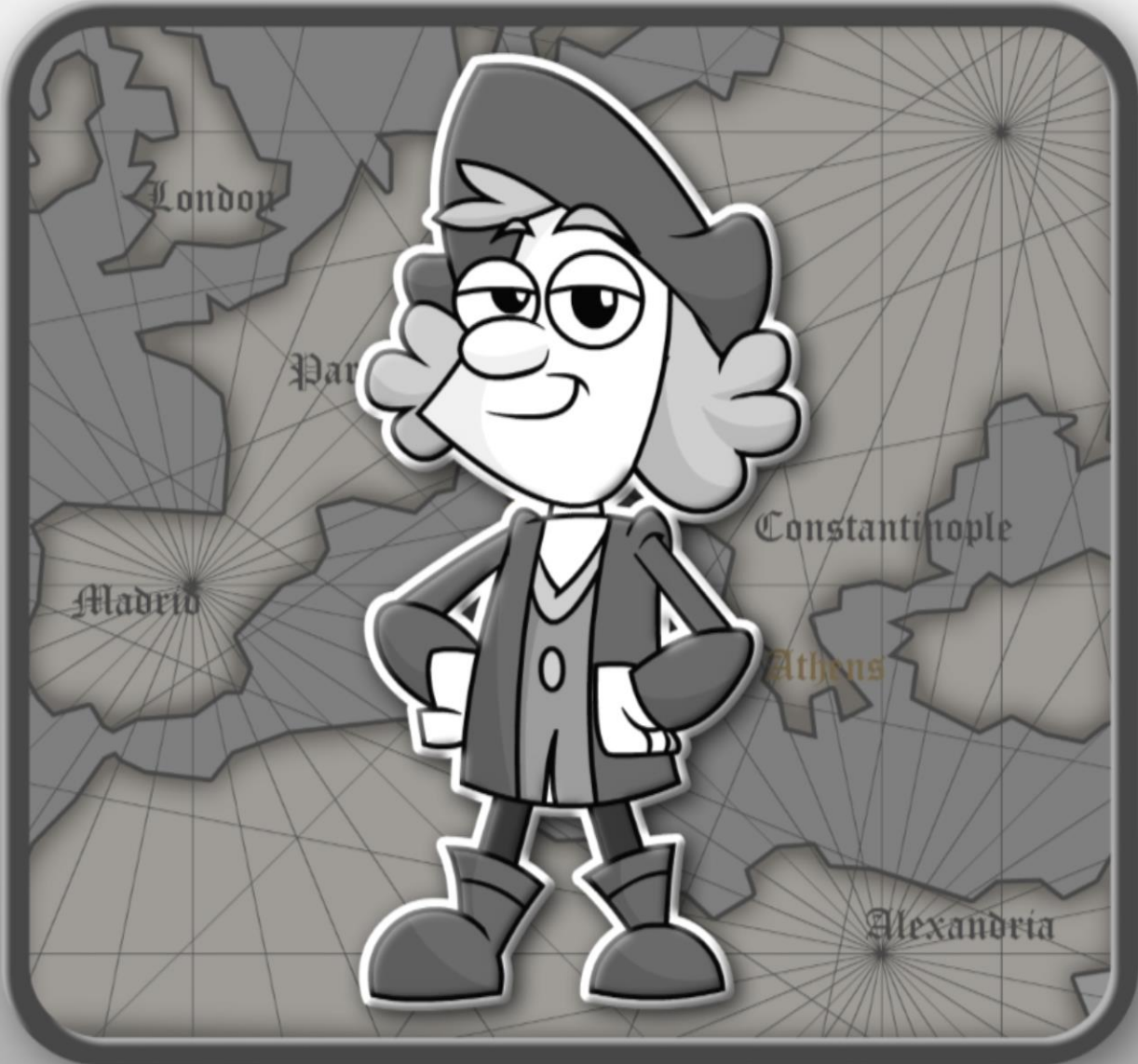
THE LIE THAT KEPT THEM GOING

COLUMBUS KNEW THAT IF HE SAILED TOO FAR INTO UNCHARTED WATERS HIS CREW MIGHT GET SCARED AND DEMAND THAT HE TAKE THEM BACK HOME. SO, HE MADE TWO DAILY RECORDS OF HOW FAR THEY HAD TRAVELLED. ONE RECORD HAD THE REAL DISTANCE - WHICH HE KEPT SECRET. THE OTHER RECORD WAS A FAKE ONE, AND IT SHOWED A MUCH SHORTER DISTANCE EACH DAY. THIS FAKE ONE IS THE ONE HE SHOWED HIS CREW.



STEP #5

FINALLY, CLEAN UP YOUR LINES AND ADD COLOR. I'VE ADDED AN OLD MAP AS THE BACKGROUND, BUT YOU CAN CREATE ANY TYPE OF BACKGROUND THAT YOU WOULD LIKE.



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