Skill 4

**HOW TO**

Follow a Route

Christopher Columbus was an explorer. He traveled to new places to learn about them. In 1492 Columbus sailed to North America from Spain. He was looking for a new route to the continent of Asia. A **route** is a way to get from one place to another. This map shows the route that Columbus took from Spain.

Look at the map key on this map. It will tell you what symbol is used to show Columbus’s route. Find where his route begins. Follow the route across the Atlantic Ocean.
EXAMPLE OF Following a Route

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were also explorers. They wanted to learn more about the land west of the Mississippi River. Follow the route of Lewis and Clark on this map.

Route of Lewis and Clark

USE THIS SKILL Follow a Route

Use the map to answer the questions.
1. What symbol stands for the route?
2. Where does the route start?
3. Trace the route west from St. Louis. What ocean do you reach at the end of the route?

TIP

Use the compass rose to help you find the directions of a route.