

Christopher Columbus – What Impact did he really have?

Today in class what you will be doing is looking at Christopher Columbus's expeditions and writing a persuasive essay. This means you will either be arguing for or against the prompt and will present information that supports your claim. You will have to type or write a one-page response to the prompt question. You will also be required to provide me with a page of notes in your notebook that supports your viewpoint. Remember you have to be able to back up your arguments with facts!! Cite your sources on your facts page. Remember Wikipedia does not count as a source!! Use your notes from class, your book, and various Internet sources.

- Your essay prompt is:

Was Columbus a hero or a villain and does he deserve to have a holiday named after him?

Evaluation:

You will be assessed on the following areas: Organization, vocabulary, evidence, and response. Your Essay will be worth 20 points and your notes will be worth 10 points.