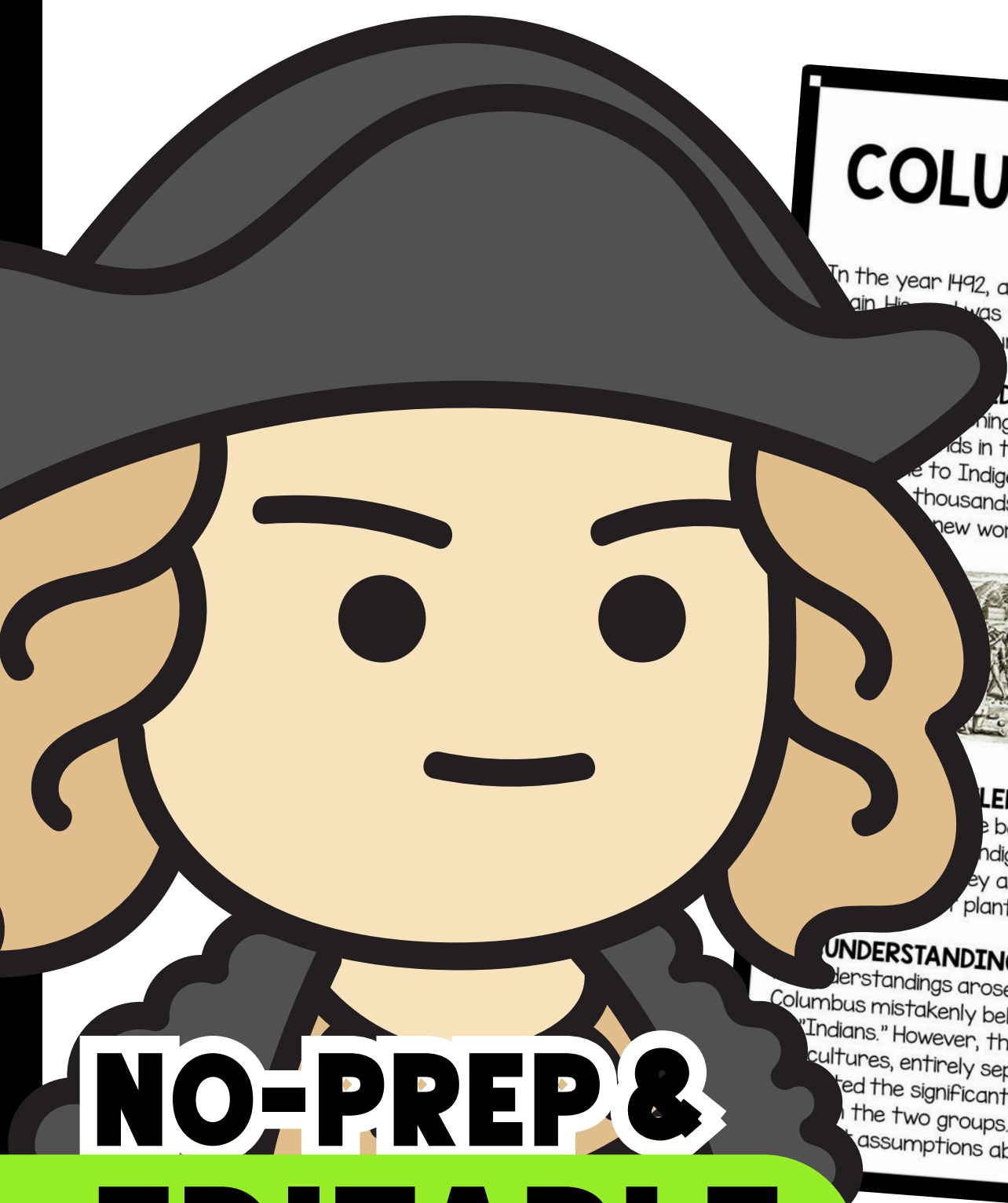


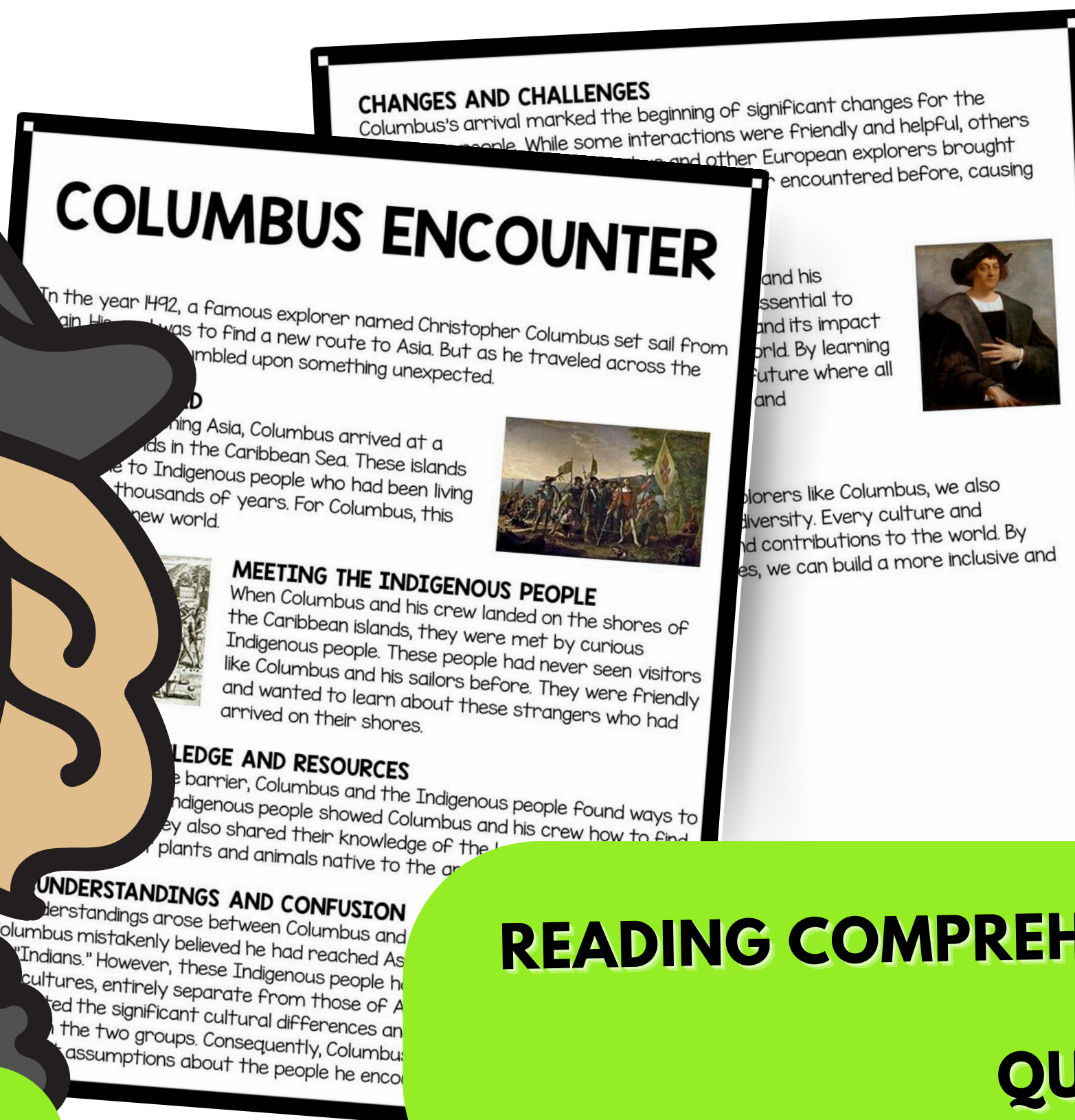
# Indigenous People And Columbus

## COLUMBUS ENCOUNTER

### READING COMPREHENSION



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## COLUMBUS ENCOUNTER

In the year 1492, a famous explorer named Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain. His goal was to find a new route to Asia. But as he traveled across the vast ocean, he stumbled upon something unexpected.

### THE NEW WORLD

Instead of reaching Asia, Columbus arrived at a group of islands in the Caribbean Sea. These islands were home to Indigenous people who had been living there for thousands of years. For Columbus, this was a whole new world.



### MEETING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

When Columbus and his crew landed on the shores of the Caribbean islands, they were met by curious Indigenous people. These people had never seen visitors like Columbus and his sailors before. They were friendly and wanted to learn about these strangers who had arrived on their shores.

### SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES

Despite the language barrier, Columbus and the Indigenous people found ways to communicate. The Indigenous people showed Columbus and his crew how to find food and water. They also shared their knowledge of the land and taught the newcomers about plants and animals native to the area.

### MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND CONFUSION

Misunderstandings arose between Columbus and the Indigenous people. Columbus mistakenly believed he had reached Asia, so he referred to the locals as "Indians." However, these Indigenous people had distinct names, languages, and cultures, entirely separate from those of Asia. This misconception highlighted the significant cultural differences and lack of understanding between the two groups. Consequently, Columbus's interactions were based on incorrect assumptions about the people he encountered.

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### CHANGES AND CHALLENGES

Columbus's arrival marked the beginning of significant changes for the Indigenous people. While some interactions were friendly and helpful, others were not. The arrival of Columbus and other European explorers brought diseases that the Indigenous people had never encountered before, causing many to become sick and die.

### LEGACY AND REFLECTION

Today, we remember Christopher Columbus and his encounter with the Indigenous people. It's essential to reflect on this historical event and understand its impact on both Indigenous communities and the world. By learning from the past, we can strive to create a future where all people are treated with kindness, respect, and understanding.



### CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

As we celebrate the achievements of explorers like Columbus, we also recognize the importance of embracing diversity. Every culture and community has its own unique history and contributions to the world. By honoring and respecting these differences, we can build a more inclusive and harmonious society for everyone.

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## COLUMBUS ENCOUNTER

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. Where did Christopher Columbus set sail from in 1492?
  - a. England
  - b. Spain
  - c. Portugal
  - d. Italy
2. What was Columbus's original goal of his journey?
  - a. To find a new route to Africa
  - b. To find a new route to Asia
  - c. To find a new route to Australia
  - d. To find a new route to Europe
3. Where did Columbus arrive instead of Asia?
  - a. South America
  - b. North America
  - c. Africa
  - d. Caribbean islands
4. How did the Indigenous people react to Columbus's arrival?
  - a. They were hostile and attacked Columbus's crew
  - b. They were curious and friendly
  - c. They ignored Columbus and his crew
  - d. They immediately fled into the forests
5. What did the Indigenous people teach Columbus and his crew?
  - a. How to build ships
  - b. How to find food and water
  - c. How to speak their language
  - d. How to navigate the stars

### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Where did Christopher Columbus set sail from in 1492?
2. What was Columbus's original goal of his journey?
3. What did the Indigenous people teach Columbus and his crew?
4. How did the Indigenous people react to Columbus's arrival?
5. Why is it important to reflect on Columbus's encounter with the Indigenous people today?

6. What name did Columbus use to refer to the Indigenous people he encountered?

- a. Africans
- b. Indians
- c. Asians
- d. Europeans

7. What was one significant challenge people faced after Columbus's arrival?

- a. They became wealthy from trading
- b. They suffered from diseases brought by Europeans
- c. They gained new technologies from Europeans
- d. They formed alliances with Europeans

8. What is the importance of reflecting on Columbus's encounter with the Indigenous people?

- a. To celebrate Columbus's achievement
- b. To learn from the mistakes of the past
- c. To forget about history
- d. To ignore Indigenous cultures

9. What does the passage emphasize about diversity?

- a. That diversity is unimportant
- b. That diversity should be embraced and respected
- c. That diversity leads to conflicts
- d. That diversity should be eliminated

10. What lesson does the passage suggest we learn from history?

- a. To repeat the same mistakes
- b. To treat others with kindness, respect, and understanding
- c. To ignore different cultures
- d. To look back at the past

## ANSWER KEY

### MCQS

1. b. Spain
2. b. To find a new route to Asia
3. d. Caribbean islands
4. b. They were curious and friendly
5. b. How to find food and water
6. b. Indians
7. b. They suffered from diseases brought by Europeans
8. b. To learn from the mistakes of the past
9. b. That diversity should be embraced and respected
10. b. To treat others with kindness, respect, and understanding

### SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain in 1492.
2. Columbus's original goal of his journey was to find a new route to Asia.
3. The Indigenous people taught Columbus and his crew how to find food and water.
4. The Indigenous people reacted to Columbus's arrival with curiosity and friendliness.
5. It is important to reflect on Columbus's encounter with the Indigenous people today to learn from the mistakes of the past and to embrace and respect diversity.

ANSWER KEY  
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