# Indigenous People And Columbs NATIVE PERSPECTIVES READING COMPREHENSION



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### INDIGENOUS WAYS OF LIFE

Before Columbus arrived, the Americas were home to many Indigenous tribes. These tribes had their own languages, cultures, and ways of life. They lived off the land, hunting animals,

fishing, and growing crops like corn, beans, and squash. They had rich traditions and deep connections to the natural world around them.

#### FIRST ENCOUNTERS

When Columbus and his crew landed in the Americas, they encountered Indigenous people for the first time. These people were curious about the newcomers and welcomed them to their lands. They shared their knowledge of the land, teaching Columbus and his crew how to find food and water.

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Misunderstandings and conflicts soon arose between Columbus and the Indigenous people. Columbus mistakenly believed he had reached Asia and referred to the Indigenous people as "Indians." However, the Indigenous people had their own names, languages, and cultures, distinct from those of Asia. These misconceptions led to significant cultural misunderstandings. As a result, interactions were often strained and sometimes escalated into conflicts. The lack of mutual understanding highlighted the vast differences between the two groups.

## READING COMPREHENSION

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#### **IMPACT ON INDIGENOUS LIVES**

The arrival of Columbus had a profound impact on the lives of Indigenous people. Many were exposed to diseases brought by the Europeans for which they had no immunity, leading to widespread illness and death. European settlers also began to claim Indigenous lands, leading to displacement and loss of traditional ways of life for many tribes.

#### REMEMBERING INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES

Today, it is essential to remember the perspectives of Indigenous people in the story of Columbus's arrival. For many Indigenous communities, Columbus's arrival marked the beginning of a long history of colonization, oppression, and loss. It is important to listen to and honor Indigenous voices and to recognize the resilience and strength of Indigenous cultures and communities.



#### LEARNING FROM THE PAST

As we reflect on the history of Columbus's arrival, we must learn from the past. We must strive to build a world where the rights, histories, and perspectives of Indigenous people are respected and valued. By learning about Indigenous perspectives, we can work towards a future of understanding, justice, and reconciliation for all.

#### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

- I. What was Christopher Columbus journey?
- 2. How did Indigenous people react
- 3. What impact did diseases broug Indigenous people?
- 4. What did European settlers be arrival?
- 5. What is the ultimate goal of r Columbus's arrival?

#### 6. What impact did diseases brough on Indigenous people? a. It made them stronger

- b. It led to widespread illness and ded
- d. It made them immune to diseases

# 7. What did European settlers begin t

- a. Share resources with Indigenous pe b. Claim Indigenous lands
- c. Form alliances with Indigenous tribes d. Learn Indigenous languages

# 8. What is emphasized as essential to r

- a. European perspectives
- b. Indigenous perspectives
- c. Asian perspectives
- d. African perspectives

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- b. To build a world where Indigenous right c. To prioritize European perspectives
- d. To continue colonization

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# NATIVE PERSPECTIVES

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

#### I. In what year did Christopher Columbus sail across the ocean?

- a. 1491
- b. 1492
- c. 1493
- d. 1494

#### 2. What was Columbus searching for during his journey?

- a. Europe
- b. Asia
- c. Africa
- d. Australia

#### 3. What was the main occupation of Indigenous tribes before Columbus arrived?

- a. Farmina
- b. Fishing
- c. Hunting
- d. Mining

#### 4. How did Indigenous people react to Columbus's arrival?

- a. They attacked Columbus and his crew
- b. They were curious and welcomed them
- c. They ignored Columbus and his crew
- d. They ran away and hid

#### 5. What did Columbus mistakenly believe about the land he reached?

- a. That it was Africa
- b. That it was Asia
- c. That it was Europe
- d. That it was Australia

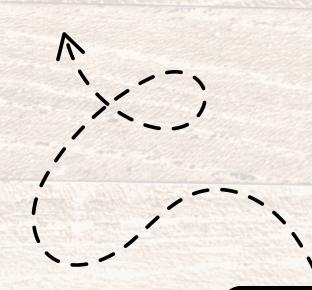
# ANSWER KEY MCQS

#### I. b. 1492

- 2. b. Asia
- 4. b. They were curious and welcomed them
- 6. b. It led to widespread illness and death 5. b. That it was Asia
- 7. b. Claim Indigenous lands 8. b. Indigenous perspectives
- 9. b. To build a world where Indigenous rights are respected 10. b. To learn from the past and work towards understanding
- and reconciliation

# SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

- Christopher Columbus was searching for a new route to Asia
- 2. Indigenous people reacted to Columbus's arrival with curiosity
- 3. Diseases brought by Europeans led to widespread illness and death among Indigenous people.
- 4. After Columbus's arrival, European settlers began to claim
- 5. The ultimate goal of reflecting on the history of Columbus's arrival is to learn from the past and work towards understanding and reconciliation.



10 - MCQ'S & 5 **QUESTIONS** 

**ANSWER KEY INCLUDED**