**Guided Document Analysis**

**Document A: Description of Columbus’s Colonial Government MODIFIED**

1. Below, copy any quotations from the above document that suggests a motivation for Columbus’s brutality toward the Taínos.

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**Document B: Excerpts from Columbus’s Journals MODIFIED**

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1. After interacting with the Taínos, what does Columbus decide is the only suitable role they can play for him and his men?

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3. Columbus mentions “the Holy Trinity” in his journal. What does this tell us about how he views himself and his work?

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**Document C: Excerpts from Columbus’s Report back to Queen Isabella of Spain MODIFIED**

1. Columbus greatly embellishes the riches of the Indies in his report. What might this tell us about the King and Queen’s expectations of his voyage?

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1. According to the source note, what did Columbus receive following his presentation? How might this have affected his treatment of the Taíno upon his return?

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**Document D: Excerpts from the Treaty of Tordesillas MODIFIED**

1. In your own words, explain what this treaty does:

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2. What does this say about Europeans’ attitudes toward the inhabitants of these “discovered” lands?

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3. Why did Portugal and Spain believe that the Pope had the authority to issue this treaty?

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**Document E: *The Virgin of the Navigators***

1. What is Mary doing to the navigators in this painting? What is the significance of her pose?

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1. What are the navigators doing in this painting? What does this imply about how Spanish society viewed their navigators?

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3. How might this social status have affected the way the navigators acted in foreign lands?

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