

Guided Document Analysis

Document A: Description of Columbus's Colonial Government MODIFIED

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Document B: Excerpts from Columbus's Journals MODIFIED

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

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

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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2. 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?

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?

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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2. 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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