

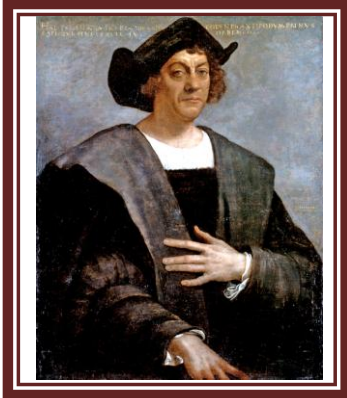
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

WEEK 1

- LETTER TO SANTANGEL & LETTER TO FERDINAND AND ISABELLA

JOHN SMITH

- FROM *THE GENERAL HISTORY*



“By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at his chosen goal or destination.”

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BACKGROUND CHECK:

- 1) How many voyages did Christopher Columbus make? _____
- 2) Did his voyages end successfully and happily? _____
- 3) Which part of the Americas did he discover? _____

Name some specific individual countries and islands he discovered.

WORDS TO KNOW:

Identify the part of speech of each word, and give one or two synonyms for each.

unfurled		
infinity		
redress		
revenue		
infirm		
reparation		

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LITERARY ANALYSIS:

Synecdoche: a figure of speech in which a part stands for the whole such as "Give us this day our daily bread" with bread standing for food.

Personification: Giving human qualities or features to nonhuman objects or abstract ideas.

Example: "The flowers danced in the breeze."

Narration: A type of writing that tells a story by relating a series of connected events. It can include other types of writing such as description.

Point of view: The perspective from which the literary work is presented.

- **First person point of view**: uses the pronoun "I."
- **Second person point of view**: uses the pronoun "you."
- **Third person point of view**: uses the pronouns "he, she, them, it, etc."
(Most literary works are written in 3rd person.)

Related to narration or the way a story is told:

- **Omniscient point of view** (in 3rd person): where the narrator, like God, sees into each character's mind and knows everything that goes on.
- **Limited omniscient point of view** (in 3rd person): where the narrator only has full knowledge of one character (usually the main character).
- **Objective point of view**: where the narrator only reports what a camera would see or what someone would hear the character speak.
- **Stream of consciousness** (in 1st person point of view): where the narrator reveals the inward thoughts of the main character, as the character thinks them. This thinking is often haphazard and illogical.

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CRITICAL READING QUESTIONS:

1) How did the people respond when they first saw Columbus? _____

2) Did the men Columbus sent to search the islands find a king and cities? _____

3) How did Columbus say he had changed physically during his voyages?

4) Columbus said he did not go on the voyages to gain _____ or _____.

5) In the second letter, find an example of synecdoche and personification in the same line. Give an explanation for its usage.

Heaven stands for _____. Earth stands for _____.

6) In his letter to the King and Queen concerning the 4th voyage, what does Columbus ask them to do to those who have done wrong? _____

After reading about the results of his voyages, do you think he was telling the truth? Why or why not?

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***"He who does not work,
Does not eat."***

BACKGROUND CHECK:

1) Name some of Smith's adventures before he sailed to the New World.

2) Approximately when was Smith in Virginia? (What dates?) _____

Name 1 other historical figure who lived during this time, or an event that was taking place at this time.

3) What role did he first serve in Virginia?

4) Why is the account of Smith's rescue by Pocahontas questioned?

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BACKGROUND CHECK (CONTINUED):

5) BONUS: What painting hangs in the Rotunda of the Capitol?

What does this say about the story of John Smith?

WORDS TO KNOW:

Identify the part of speech of each word, and give one or two synonyms for each.

engrossing		
deposed		
untoward		
superfluity		
derision		
ensued		
conjunction		
diverted		
chafed		
mollified		
combustion		

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CRITICAL READING QUESTIONS:

1) Even though John Smith writes this account, what person is it written in - 1st, 2nd, or 3rd? _____

Why do you think he writes it this way?

2) Find at least two sentences that show how Smith trusts God's plan and providence.

3) How are Smith and his men saved from starvation? _____

4) Why are John Smith's accounts so significant in American literature?

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CULMINATING ACTIVITY:

Summarize either the account of Columbus or Smith in your own words and in one of the following points of view: omniscient, limited or objective, or stream of consciousness. Present this orally. In a group setting, you may divide into groups and present it as a group.