

Christopher Columbus – Hero or Villain?

Christopher Columbus was an explorer whose voyages across the Atlantic Ocean led to general European awareness of the American continents in the Western Hemisphere. His discovery led to the creation of a New World, tying together Europeans and Native Americans. In the United States, we celebrate Columbus Day on October 12th of every year, giving honor to the man who discovered a New World.

Five centuries after his 1492 voyage, Columbus remains a mysterious and controversial figure to many people. Is he a **HERO**, someone who is known as one of the greatest mariners in history, a visionary genius, and a national hero? Or is he a **VILLAIN**, someone who is seen as a failed administrator, a ruthless conqueror, and a greedy imperialist?

Your assignment is to decide whether Christopher Columbus is a hero or a villain, and then create a poster that represents your choice. Below is the list of criteria.

Criteria

- 1.) **Columbus's picture** – you can either draw Columbus's picture, or you can take one of the copies attached and use it instead.
- 2.) **HERO or VILLAIN?** The word hero or villain should appear somewhere on the poster. Also, explain why Columbus is the hero or villain. What kinds of things did he do that would make him the good guy or the bad guy? Why should people honor him or condemn him?
- 3.) **Color** - the poster needs to have some color, either with markers or colored pencils or can be created digitally.



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HERO

