

COLUMBUS, INDIANS AND HUMAN PROGRESS  
Howard Zinn: A People's history of the United States  
Chapter 1

NAME:

You should read this chapter after reading the opening assigned pages in the text. Note the detail, language and "lenses" of Zinn compared to your textbook's authors and be prepared to discuss these differences.

Answer the following questions through direct quotes from the text.[You may highlight the lines in your article, and write the page number in the given space.]

1. What was Columbus' impression of the Arawaks when he first met them?
2. Why wouldn't Columbus have made it to Asia?
3. What did Columbus do with the first natives he met?
4. What did Columbus offer the King and Queen of Spain if they would help him with his SECOND expedition?
5. What cargo did Columbus take back to Spain in 1495?
6. What happened to natives over the age of 14 found without a copper token?
7. How did the Spanish treat their native prisoners?
8. How many Natives died within the first two years of Columbus "discovery" of the Americas?

9. Who was Bartolome de Las Casas? What does his HISTORY OF THE INDIES describe?
10. How does Las Casas describe the Spanish treatment of the natives in the mines?
11. How does historian Samuel Morison describe Columbus' policy toward native Americans?
12. According to author Howard Zinn, how does our society justify what was done by Columbus?
13. How many natives died on Hispanolia from 1494-1508?
14. How did Cortes treat Montezuma, the King of the Aztecs, who welcomed him?
15. What happened to the Powhatan after they had helped some of the Jamestown settlers during the "starving time"?
16. How did the Puritans justify their treatment of the natives?