

9TH GRADE AMERICAN STUDIES 9A

SUMMER READING 2018

SUMMER TEXT: *Christopher Columbus: Master Italian Navigator at the Court of Spain* By Martha Kneib (Rosen Publishing Group, 2003)

We recommend you [purchase a used copy](#) for around \$5–10. If you cannot obtain a used copy, the books can be ordered [directly from the publisher](#).

All 9a American Studies I students are expected to read: *Christopher Columbus: Master Italian Navigator at the Court of Spain*. **All students will be expected to write down notes as they read along.** Students will be expected to bring these notes to class on the first few days of school. These notes will help students be prepared to discuss the book and share their observations during class.

All students must e-mail their answers to **ALL** the guided questions by **8:00 am (EST) Tuesday, August 28** to Mr. O'Mahony at omahonye@mjbha.org. Late entries will be accepted up until 6 pm on Friday August 31. However, ten percent (10%) will be deducted for each day they are late. If any student does **NOT** email their answers to Mr. O'Mahony, he/she will earn an automatic **ZERO (0)** on their first homework grade. This will have the effect of lowering the homework grade for the first quarter by at least 25%. **DON'T GET A ZERO**-do your summer reading and answer the questions! It is recommended that students do their summer reading as early as possible to avoid any technical or other problems. Remember, late entries will result in a deduction of 10% for each day they are late! If any student submits the same answers to the questions as another student, all students involved (regardless of role) will automatically receive a zero (0) for their first homework grade (because it is plagiarism!). The same applies to any student who copies answers from the Internet or any other source. The penalty is a 0 on your first homework grade.

Bonus points will be given to any student who sends Mr. O'Mahony a picture of them reading "*Christopher Columbus: Master Navigator at the Court of Spain*." Be creative! The photograph (jpeg please) should be sent to Mr. O at omahonye@mjbha.org

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THEIR READING NOTES TO CLASS THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL!!!

"Christopher Columbus: Master Navigator at the Court of Spain"--Guided Reading Questions

1. Where was Genoa located and why was it important?
2. What kind of education did Columbus receive, and how did he become a sailor?
3. How did religion affect Columbus's personality and life?
4. How did the Portuguese try to reach Asia? Be specific.
5. How did Columbus end up in Portugal and how did it affect his career?

6. Why did Columbus travel to Iceland and what impact did it have?
7. How did Columbus' marriage help him in his quest to sail westwards?
8. Columbus is noteworthy for several reasons. What are those reasons?
9. Why did the king of Portugal reject Columbus' proposal to sail west? Be specific.
10. How did Columbus get the support of the king and queen of Spain? Be specific.
11. What were the names of Columbus' ships?
12. What navigational skills did Columbus possess? How did they help him in his journey?
13. Where did Columbus land? Why is there controversy about this question?
14. Describe the relationship between the Spanish and the natives.
15. Why did Columbus establish the settlement of La Navidad?
16. Why was the journey back to Spain so hard? When did Columbus get back to Spain?
17. How was Columbus treated when he returned to Spain?
18. How many ships did Columbus have on his second voyage to America?
19. What happened to the Spanish settlement at La Navidad? Why was it attacked?
20. What problems developed at La Isabella, and how did Columbus respond?
21. Who was Caonabo? How did he try to defeat the Spanish and what happened to him?
22. Who was Amerigo Vespucci?
23. Why was Columbus sent back to Spain in chains? What happened to him in Spain?
24. Where did Columbus go on his fourth voyage?
25. How did Columbus trick the natives into giving him help?
26. Why was America named after Amerigo Vespucci?
27. How did Columbus change the world?
28. What was the impact of disease on Native Americans?
29. What was the Treaty of Tordesillas?
30. When did Columbus die?