

Columbus Day Extra Credit

For a quiz or activity grade boost of 10%:

1. Read two opposing views (*both are very biased... heads up*)...

a. article posted by Common Dreams found at http://commondreams.org/views/2015/10/07/time-abolish-columbus-day?utm_source=ZEP+-+Monthly+Column+%28Oct+2015%29%3A+Abolish+Columbus+Day&utm_campaign=If+We+Knew+Our+History%3A+Irish+Famine+e-news&utm_medium=email (Links to an external site.)

b. article posted by Front Page at <http://www.frontpagemag.com/fpm/207258/columbus-day-still-day-worth-celebrating-jack-kerwick> (Links to an external site.)

2. Summarize each of the author's thesis, and identify three pieces of evidence to support each author's point of view.

3. To what extent is each biased? Do you agree with one or the other... or do you identify with some sort of middle ground?

3. Write an essay addressing the following prompt: *To what extent was Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World in 1492 a major turning point in North American history? Support or refute the decision to make this turning point a national holiday.*

(use your thesis formula and writing guidelines to format your paper)

