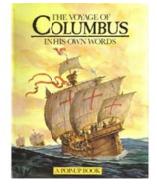


Book Backdrops: Connecting Literature and Primary Sources

Cover Image



Title: The Voyage of Columbus in His

Own Words

Author: Stacie Strong

Grade Level(s): Life Skills 1-5 (younger

grades need modifications)

Topic/Theme: Columbus discovers

America.

Book Type: Informative Children's Literature

Setting and Time Period: 1400s

Subjects: Columbus, Exploration, Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria, Journal

entries, sailing tools

Primary Source Thumbnail

Caption Publication Information Book Notes





Title: Christopher Columbus Engraving Creator(s): Johann Theodor de Bry Date Created/Published: 1595

Book Notes: This print was made over 100 years after Columbus discovered America. I want the children to discuss this image in relation to the other portraits of Columbus. Since it was only 100 years later, would this be more or less accurate? How are the pictures alike and how do they differ?

http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2003680403/



Title: Christopher Columbus, halflength portrait, facing slightly right Creator(s): Sebastiano del Piombo Date Created/Published: 1485-1547

Date Created/Published: 1485-1547
Book Notes: This date may be the earliest and most accurate version.
Compare to later dates and see how the face of Columbus changes. Describe in each the differences in apparel and

hairstyle compared to today.

http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/91785883/





Title: Christopher Columbus, 1492-1892

Creator(s):

Date Created/Published: c1892 Aug. 8

Book Notes: Compare to other artists interpretations of Christopher Columbus. Discuss that cameras were not around to capture images so artists used what they knew to create images.

http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2003688653/



Title: Christopher Columbus. Discoverer of America

Creator(s):

Date Created/Published: c1892

Book Notes: Compare once again to other images. This image was created much later and includes American flags and a very masculine version of Columbus compared to earlier interpretations. Why would America want Columbus to look like a strong jawed, bearded "tough guy"?

http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/91483097/

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