



## **Columbus Day, or Not So Much?**

Christopher Columbus has long been celebrated in America with Columbus Day, the second Monday of every October. Recently, many have advocated for eliminating Columbus Day because although Columbus made a history-changing discovery, he was known to have been extremely cruel to the natives he encountered in the West Indies, and was responsible for the enslavement and murder of tens of thousands.

Do you think Columbus Day should be celebrated? If not, choose an important person who should replace Columbus and receive a national holiday. Either way, explain your reasoning in detail and give specific examples of why you made your choice.

