

***A New Land Is “Discovered”***  
Anticipation Guide

**Directions:** How well do you know Columbus as an explorer? Decide which statements below you agree with and the ones you disagree with before reading the text. Then you will revisit your answers after you have finished reading and discussing with the class.

BEFORE		STATEMENTS	AFTER	
Agree	Disagree		Agree	Disagree
		Columbus was a true gentleman.		
		Columbus set out looking for gold and spices.		
		Columbus was one of the best sailors the world will ever know.		
		Columbus was famous for being able to find his way at sea.		
		Columbus said, “If we don’t see land in three more days you may cut off my head and sail home in peace.”		
		Columbus believed it was God’s wish that he sail and conquer in the name of a Catholic king and queen.		
		The swords that Columbus and his men carried helped convince the natives to do as the strangers wished.		
		Columbus sailed back to Spain with brightly colored parrots, Indians, and gold trinkets.		

**Anticipation Guide Strategy**

Rationale:

- assists students in accessing their prior knowledge about a topic
- stimulates interest in the topic and motivates students to read
- serves as a guide for the student’s comprehension

1. Preview the material to be read. Analyze the content for its most significant concepts.
2. Develop no more than ten statements that will support or challenge the students’ knowledge or thinking about the topic.
3. Consider including an additional column where a student could record a page number of the text that caused him/her to change an answer after reading the text.
4. When students complete the “before” responses, remind them that there are no right or wrong answers. They are to respond based on what they know or think about the topic.

Source: Bean and Peterson, 1980