

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Christopher Columbus is the Italian explorer credited for discovering America in 1492. However, it is thought that Vikings and various other native groups discovered this area first. These areas were also ~~not~~ densely populated.

When he discovered America for the first time, he kept a journal to state notes in. On one record he wrote "with fifty men we could subjugate them all and make them do whatever we want." "They would make fine servants" with this attitude he set up a colony of Spanish Settlers in Hispaniola (the 'newfound' land). From there more settlers came and plundered the new land for gold, taking slaves along the way. Columbus brought humans home to Spain to sell as slaves. 3,000,000 people died as a result of Christopher Columbus' discovery from 1494 to 1508.

Many people regard Christopher Columbus as ~~the~~ among the first to endorse slavery. This is because of how he treated and enslaved the natives in Hispaniola. The effects of how these natives were treated became deep rooted into the value of Native Americans and Black citizens in America. This was because of white Privilege and White Supremacy.

I decided to research Christopher Columbus because he is a massive part of the reason African Americans across the world have had to fight for their rights. The deep rooted advantage ~~&~~ towards whites comes from whites and their actions/attitudes towards these communities which were taken advantage of because of their lack of knowledge and power in comparison to the European 'settlers'.

Christopher Columbus will be a key part of the collage I end up creating.



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I started to question the ideas behind white privilege and where superiority began, and if this could be a lead for an outcome idea. This started to inspire some ideas for a final outcome.