

Sample outline

(place in writing section, writing lesson #3)

(You can make your own choices about what you want to do specifically. Don't stick exactly to my example)

Introduction

Paragraph #1 (maybe 2 paragraphs)

- Introduce the time period by talking about:
 - The printing press
 - Spice Trade
 - Inquisition
 - European exploration and desire to get to Asia

Paragraph #2

- Talk about why people should have their own holidays
- Talk about why Columbus has his own holiday
- **Thesis statement:** Even though Columbus had tremendous impact on the world, we should characterize him, his actions and his legacy as negative based on the kind of person he was and the impact of his voyages.

Category #1 Bad Personal characteristics

Paragraph #1

- *Topic sentence which states the Argument/Claim:* Columbus was arrogant and condescending
- *Evidence (Information/events that support your point)*
 - Use stuff from his journal about how he viewed the Native Americans
 - Talk about how he acted toward them, claimed their land when he showed up
 - Didn't respect Native American culture, religion, assumed they didn't have one
- *Connect to EQ*
 - Explain why Columbus was at fault, why he didn't have to act this way.
 - Explain that these are bad qualities that shouldn't be celebrated, etc.

Paragraph #2:

- *Topic sentence which states the Argument/Claim:* Columbus was wrong about a lot of things
- *Evidence (Information/events that support your point)*
 - Talk about size of the earth
 - Didn't get to Asia
 - Wouldn't admit that he wasn't there
 - Yes he did accomplish something and had a great impact on the world but his greatest accomplishment was a mistake
- *Connect to EQ*
 - Why should we celebrate someone who was wrong and discovered by accident? Many discoveries are made by accident but he didn't even acknowledge it in his own lifetime. Refer back to what I said about why people should have their own holidays.

Paragraph #3:

Topic sentence which states the Argument/Claim: Columbus was greedy

****(The next parts are not filled it because you should get the idea by this point. Remember though that you should try to acknowledge and discuss point that go against your thesis and explain why they are wrong)****

Category #2 Bad Actions

3 paragraphs

Category #3 Bad legacy

3 paragraphs

Conclusion

1 paragraph