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# Explorers

## Study Questions

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### The Letter of Columbus to Luis de Sant Angel Announcing his Discovery

1. What did Columbus do with the inhabitants of the islands?

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2. What is Columbus referring to when he mentions the “*Royal Standard*”?

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3. What gave Columbus the “right” to do what he was doing?

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4. What were the islands that Columbus had named?

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5. How are the islanders described by Columbus?

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6. How did Columbus describe the island and why? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

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## The Very Brief Relation of the Devastation of the Indies

7. What were a few of the atrocities committed by the Spaniards?

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8. How were the islanders described by de las Casas?

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9. Why do you think de las Casas continually referred to the people committing these “*ruthless, inhuman, and ferocious acts*” as “Christians”?

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10. How does de las Casas’ version of the account differ from that of Columbus? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

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