What do Historians Do? Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Period\_\_\_

In seeking to answer a question, solve a problem, or explain an event, historians are required to gather information from a variety of sources and evaluate the strength and weaknesses of those sources. This skill can be called analytical reading.

Your question today is: ***How should Christopher Columbus be remembered?*** Is he a hero or a villain?

You have been provided with 6 different sources to read on the topic to help you answer the question. Read each of the sources discussing Christopher Columbus and answer each of the questions for each source.

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| Source 1: Columbus’ Book of Prophecies, circa 1500 | Source 4: The Truth About Christopher Columbus, Christopher Minster, About.com guide 2011 |
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| Source 2: Phyllis Schlafly Radio Script, Oct. 14, 2002 | Source 5: Bartolome de las Casas (1484-1566) Letter protesting Spanish abuse of the Indians |
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| Source 3: Journal of Christopher Columbus, 1492 | Source 6: Eric Kasum, Founder of Peace Dog, for the Huffington Post, October 11, 2010 |
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So what do you think? How should Columbus be remembered?

Make your claim-

Which of the sources influenced you the most in arriving at your claim?

Why?

