

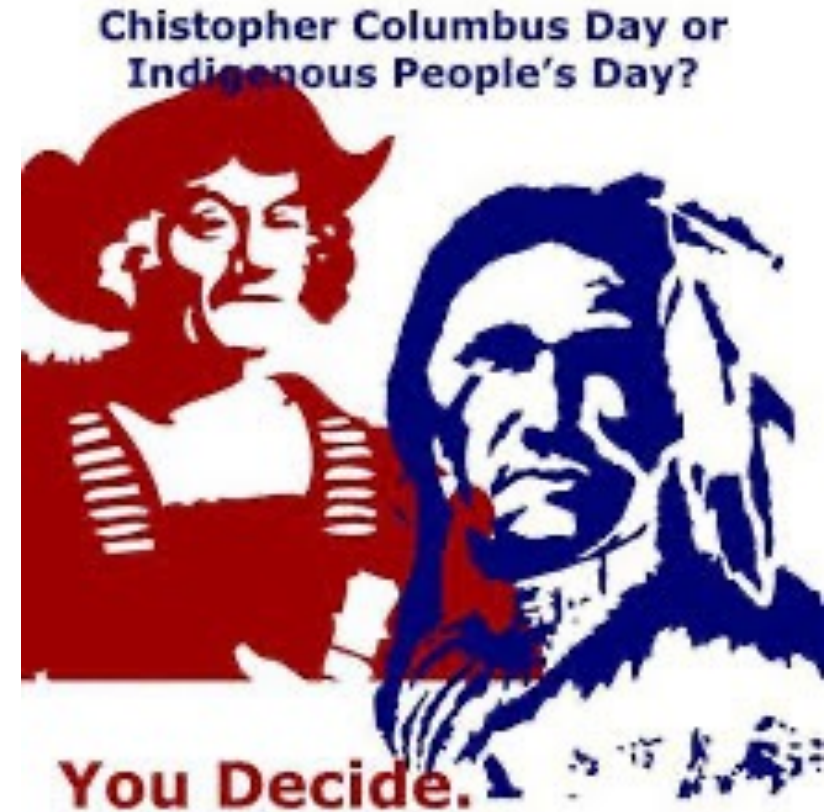
Hello everyone!

The topic for today's class is: [Columbus Day](#)

Columbus Day is a federal holiday in the United States. Over the years this holiday has become controversial for many people. Some states and cities now celebrate Indigenous People's Day instead. What are some reasons for this?

AGENDA:

1. Review video: "Why some states and communities are doing away with Columbus Day."
2. Discussion questions: breakout rooms, small groups
3. Wrap-up: large group questions and comments



Reminder: *The focus of the class is on conversation to improve fluency and vocabulary at the intermediate/advanced level. Mistakes are OK! We are here to help each other.*



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YouTube Video: “Why some states and communities are doing away with Columbus Day in favor of celebrating indigenous peoples day”

VOCABULARY:

- “doing away with”
- Indigenous
- “push to ditch”
- “somewhat at odds”
- “called into question”
- controversial



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTDnhuEj0WI>

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: Columbus Day

1. Columbus Day is a federal holiday in the United States, but it's controversial for many people. What do you think are the main reasons for the debate surrounding this holiday? Should it continue to be celebrated? Why or why not?
2. Holidays often reflect a country's values and history. In your opinion should holidays like Columbus Day evolve as our understanding of history changes?
3. Traditions and holidays are important to all cultures but a hero in one era may become a villain in the next. What are some other examples of a country's traditional holiday that has become controversial?