

Welcome to Today's Class!

Today's Topic: Discovering America

The U.S. used to widely celebrate Columbus Day. Now, many states and cities have replaced it with Indigenous Peoples' Day, to honor the cultures and resilience of Native Americans instead. This change has become a debate about how the U.S. remembers its past.

Agenda:

1. Review vocabulary
2. Breakout room discussions
3. Large group wrap-up



Vocabulary: Discovering America

Key Vocabulary:

1. Expedition
2. Colonialism
3. Settlers
4. Subjugation
5. Revisionist history
6. Mythologize
7. Decimation



Let's Talk: Discussion Questions

1. When you hear the phrase “Discovering America,” what comes to mind?
2. Who do you think “discovered” America? Why do people have different answers to that question?
3. How was the story of the discovery of America taught in your country or when you were growing up?
4. How should schools teach the history of discovering America today?
5. Do you think it's important to re-examine historical figures and events with a modern perspective? Why or why not?