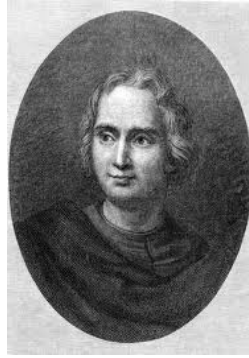


UNICO Columbus Day Essay Contest



2014 Columbus Day Essay

Title: Original title to be created by student author

Length: Minimum of three paragraphs and 150 words

Deadline: September 26th

Winners will be recognized by UNICO with a special prize.

You may use the attached graphic organizer to help you gather your thoughts.

Note: to find quick websites to research and ideas, go to:

http://berkeley.bloomfield.k12.nj.us/pages/Berkeley_School/About_Us/library

DIRECTIONS

Your essay is to be handwritten in blue or black ink or prepared on a computer using black type in a non-script, 12 point font.

Each essay must have a title page listing the following:

- Student author's original title
- Student author's full name
- Student author's school
- Date essay is due
- Number of words in the essay

The essay must be a minimum of 150 words and three good paragraphs. The entire essay must be the student's original work. Any essay with information copied directly from a source without using quotation marks will be disqualified.

Judging will be based on historical accuracy, adherence to the topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness. Pictures, maps, drawings, and other graphics will not be considered in judging and should not be included.

THE TOPIC

On October 13th our country will observe Columbus Day in honor of Christopher Columbus. Columbus is honored for his explorations in the 1400's.

Research the life of Christopher Columbus to learn about his achievements. Using the facts that you learn, write an essay in which you describe at least two character traits that contributed to Columbus' success. Be sure to explain the things that he did that showed these traits. Then, choose one of Columbus' traits that you would like to have. Tell why you would like to have this trait and how it could help you be successful in your life.

Paragraph 1: Talk about the some of Christopher Columbus' greatest achievements. Name two character traits that made Columbus' life so great and why we remember him today.

Paragraph 2: Give more information about each of those traits. Discuss how those traits helped him to be successful.

Paragraph 3: Select one trait of Columbus' that you would like to have. Tell about why you want this trait. Discuss how it can help you be successful in your life.