Encounter
by Jane Yolen

a reading & social studies collection

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Reflections
Fill this page with words and pictures that share your thinking as you read *Encounter.*
Reflections

Before reading, how do you feel about Christopher Columbus? Share your thoughts and any knowledge you have.

After reading Encounter, how do you feel about Christopher Columbus? Has your thinking changed? Share your thoughts.
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**Viewpoint**

Often, how a story is told shapes our feelings of an event. How does *Encounter* tell a different story than a book where Columbus is viewed as a hero? Share your thoughts below.

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**Visualizing the Author’s Words**

Share the words the boy uses to describe objects that are common to us today. Then, share what we would call each object.

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<th>Words the boy uses</th>
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Changing Feelings

Share how the islanders felt about the strangers at each point in the story.

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Setting

Show two pictures of the setting

List details from the text that helped you visualize the setting

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Characters

Compare the Taino people with the Europeans who visited.

Share details from the reading about each side.
Name: ______________________________

Let’s Get Social

My Character is: ______________________________

What Tweets would your character share? Make sure they are no longer than 140 characters.

Tweet #1:

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Tweet #2:

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Let’s Get Social

My Character is: ______________________________

What Facebook posts would your character share?

Post #1: __________________________________________

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Post #2: __________________________________________

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Let's Get Social

My Character is: ___________________________

What Instagram posts would your character share?

Post #1:

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Reading Response

How did the book make you feel? Share your thoughts after reading.

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What is the boy trying to convince everyone of? Why?

How were the strangers welcomed to the island?

How do you feel about Columbus claiming a land where people already lived?

Why did Columbus call the islanders Indians?

How is Encounter different from other books about Columbus?

How does this story make you feel?
How do Christopher Columbus’ actions reflect the time period he lived in?

How did Jane Yolen help you to see the time period through the text. Be specific and cite textual evidence.

Discuss the historical conflict the boy and his tribe faced?

What are some of the important historical details that are needed to help you understand Encounter?

How does the boy change as a result of the actions of others?

Could the boy have done anything to impact the ending of the story? Share your opinion and support your thoughts.
How do you think the boy feels when no one will listen to him?

What did the boy think his dream was trying to tell him?

What in the author’s note tells you that Columbus did not view the Taino as people equal to him?

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