



Dear Parents

Thank you for helping your child read and understand this article about Christopher Columbus and the Arawak Indians. It contains some interesting information about Columbus' encounters with Native Americans and describes their lifestyle.

TIP OF THE WEEK

When authors want to draw attention to a new or important word or concept, they may *italicize* it or put it in **bold** print. Sometimes they may put the pronunciation of a new word in parentheses. Usually, after a new word is introduced this way, the author will provide an explanation of it in the next line or two. Help your child recognize these print conventions and look at the next sentence for clues to the meaning of the new word.

The Questions

1. How many people lived in North and South America when Columbus landed in the Caribbean Islands? _____
2. What do you think might be similar to *wasie* in our culture? (Please use a complete sentence.) _____

3. What do you think a game of *boty* might look like? (Please use complete sentences.) _____

4. How did the Arawak Indians make a canoe? _____

We have completed this assignment together.

_____ Child's Signature

_____ Parent's Signature