

Drawings from the New World:

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and the Native Americans?

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Pretend you had traveled to the New World during the Age of Exploration. Draw a picture for your friends at home to describe what you have seen. Refer to the information in the documents as if you had seen these things.

My Drawings from the New World

Letter from the New World:

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Pretend you had traveled to the New World during the Age of Exploration. Write a letter home to describe what you had seen. Refer to the information in the documents as if you had seen these things.

Dear Friends and Family,

I have been in the New World for nearly year. It is so different than home. Let me tell you about some of the things I have seen.

Categorizing Cultural Information:

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Europeans were surprised by what they found in the New World. They observed the culture of the Native Americans. Review the documents in this lesson and organize the information into the categories below — include both the information you found and the document you found it in.

Information about Native American dress

Information about Native American food

Information about how Native American
produce things

Information about Native American homes

Organizing Information:

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Europeans were surprised by what they found in the New World. They observed the land, climate, geography, plants, animals, and people.

Review the documents in this lesson and organize the information into a graphic organizer below. You can decide on what the organizer will look like and what information will go into it.

Once you have drawn your graphic organizer then go back to the documents and find information to put into your organizer — include both the information you found and the document you found it in.

Visitor From Outer Space:

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This will take some imagination, but pretend an alien came from outer space to visit your community. How might they misinterpret what they saw when they reported back to their home planet. List three items in their report. Include how what they reported it and what they were actually describing. Have some fun and use your imagination!

Sample Report from Alien Visitor

Alien's Report: A group of earthlings were standing in an open field. They were running in many different directions. They seemed to be attacking a round object and attempting to crush it with their legs. On a few occasions one of them picked it up and threw it to the ground in an attempt to break it. They finally trapped the object in a net and some of them screamed.

What they actually saw: A soccer game

Pretend you're an alien from outer space and write a "report"
on something you see on earth:

Alien's Report

What they actually saw:

Recognizing Point of View

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Europeans were surprised by what they found in the New World. They had both positive and negative opinions about the New World. Review the documents in this lesson and organize the information into the categories below — include the information you found, the document you found it in, and why you think it was a positive or negative view point

Positive Opinions About the New World

Negative Opinions about the New World