

ENCOUNTER by Jane Yolen

Point of View: Diary Assignment

T H E R E A R E T W O S I D E S T O E V E R Y S T O R Y

Using your **thought bubble notes** about how each side felt, you are going to compose two diary entries on lined paper. **Write at least 8 sentences** for *each* entry.

First,

Compose a **diary entry** about the encounter from the **perspective ('point of view') of a Taíno child**. You may want to think about the following questions:

- How do you feel about the Europeans' arrival?
- What about the Europeans' gifts?
- Do you trust them? Why or why not?
- Why do you act the way you do?
- How do you feel towards the end of the encounter?
- Have your ideas about your own people (the Taínos) changed? How about your view of the Europeans?

Second,

Compose a **diary entry** about the encounter from the **perspective of a European explorer**. You may want to think about the following questions:

- How do you feel about your journey?
- Why are you traveling across the Atlantic Ocean? What do you want?
- What do you think about the Taíno people?
- Why do you act the way you do? Do you trust the Taínos?
- How do you feel towards the end of the encounter?



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THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY

Reread the text, thinking about *perspective* (point of view). How did each side feel during the famous encounter? Was it fair? Were they nervous? Happy? How did they feel afterwards?

Pretend you are a Taíno Indian, and write down your thoughts about the encounter. Don't forget to **write the page number** in the thought bubble to support your ideas. Then, do the same **pretending** you are a European.

what a **Taíno** might have been thinking

what a **European** might have been thinking

pg. **2**
I feel confused. Is my dream real? What are those great-sailed ships?

pg. **2**
Land! At long last! This voyage has felt like an eternity. I am excited.

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what a **European** may have been thinking

