

The Year 1492

- 1) Take some time to remember or read or listen to yesterday's story.
- 2) You might want to begin a border and a heading "The Year 1492" on your writing page, while you listen to the story.
- 3) Choose one scene from the story.
- 4) In your draft book write this scene as if you were writing a play.
 - Give yourself about 30 minutes to do a draft.
 - It can be mostly speaking with some description of the setting and the action that takes place.
 - You might want to give some thought to this way of thinking about your task:
 - Think about where the scene takes place. Where are your characters? What are the sights, smells, sounds and what it is like to be in this setting?
 - Now consider what action is going to happen. Where does this scene start and end, and what is accomplished in between?
 - Now think about who is in this scene. Who are your characters?
 - Now you can begin writing.

You can use a simple writing format like this (here is part of a scene):

In a Spanish port of Palos, there is an excited hustle and bustle as three caravels are readied for the journey west.

COLUMBUS: Are the ships ready? Are you sure you packed everything?

SAILOR: Yes sir. We're all ready.

Columbus is rowed out to the Santa Maria and climbs aboard, the breeze ruffling the drawn sails..

- 5) Next, proof your draft. This should take about 10 to 15 minutes.
 - Make sure you have capital letters, full stops, and commas in all the right places.
 - Remember capital letters for names of people and places.
 - Check any spelling by using your dictionary for any words that you're unsure about.
 - Read your work aloud slowly, so you can hear where your writing may not match what you are saying.
- 6) Write a very neat copy into your Main Lesson book. (I feel really sad when I can't understand all that you have written)
- 7) Draw the scene you have written about.

Now you are ready to listen to the new story.

Excellent – I can't wait to read them all! Have a great afternoon. Love, Larissa