

# Spanish, French, and English Encounters

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Theodore De Bry, Columbus's First Encounter with Natives, 1505

What do you see?	Interpret what you saw
Columbus has arrived with his crew to the New World	The armor they are wearing may signify they are ready for conquest
People are putting up a cross in the background	This exemplifies one of the three Gs, God
Ships standing in smooth seas	This could connect with religion, as it could be god's will for them to have smooth sailing
Generous natives are giving Columbus's crew jewelry and other stuff	This shows what the book described: the natives were hospitable and forthcoming, while explorers took advantage of this
Natives in the background look like they are getting shot	This shows the cruelty and violence exerted upon the natives by Columbus and other explorers

Unknown Artist, circa 1777

What do you see?	Interpret what you saw
Native giving explorers cloth	This could mean one of two things: either the native is generous, or the explorers are forcing him to do this
A native and an explorer are smoking a pipe	This serves to show that the two are not so different after all
Native holding a bow	This most likely shows that the native wants to be armed whenever he deals with the explorers

Granger, Attack on Pequot For, 1637

What do you see?	Interpret what you saw
Fires raging in the background	This is meant to highlight the savagery of the explorers
Explorers shooting at the natives	Much like the fires, this highlights the atrocities the explorers committed
Natives holding shields and running	This shows that the natives were unable to defend from the weapons of the Europeans