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Atlantic Encounters Research Guide: Taino/Spaniards in the Caribbean (1492)

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**Group Research Question:** What were Taino culture and society like before the arrival of the Spaniards? What connections and relationships did they have with other indigenous peoples in the Caribbean?

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**Group Research Question:** What technological advancements made Columbus’s voyage possible?

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* **European Voyages of Exploration (University of Calgary)** <http://www.ucalgary.ca/applied_history/tutor/eurvoya/ship.html>
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