Major Debates of the Age of Exploration

Directions: Answer each of the 6 questions giving your own opinion (you can pick either side, but you MUST pick a side) and giving at least two to three clear reasons for your position. Each answer should be a paragraph.

1. Were Europeans more advanced than Native Americans?

2. Should Christopher Columbus be celebrated?

3. Was disease the most powerful weapon of the Europeans?

4. Did the Columbian Exchange have a mostly positive impact on the world?

5. Do Africans deserve blame for the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade?

6. Was Mercantilism a beneficial economic policy?