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Ideas That Spark Change: Columbus

Directions: Using your class materials, notes, textbook, and knowledge of history, answer the three questions below in full paragraph form, just as you would in an essay. Be sure to include all relevant vocabulary terms and to explain how one event led to the next.

Columbus' Idea = New route to the Indies can be found by sailing West

What were the historical circumstances that led Christopher Columbus to his idea to sail West to reach the Indies? Explain not only why he thought it would work, but also why there was such a desire to find an alternative route to the Indian Ocean at the time.

What actions did Christopher Columbus take as a result of his idea? Explain what he discovered and what he did thereafter.

How did the actions of Christopher Columbus change the world? What were the effects, whether good or bad, that resulted from his efforts, both in the short term and the long term?