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LEGACY OF COLUMBUS QUESTIONS

Directions: Read the primary source accounts about Columbus and the Spanish in the New World, and answer the questions that follow in FULL SENTENCES.

1. What was Columbus' first impression of the native Tainos and Arawaks?
2. How were the native people treated by Columbus and his men, and how did they react to such treatment? Why do you think they reacted this way?
3. What was the main way that Columbus profited from his "discovery?" Did this surprise you? Explain.
4. According to Columbus' own son, how did Columbus force the needed to mine for gold?
5. Who was Bartolome de las Casas, and how was he personally affected by the Spanish brutality against the natives?
6. What examples of brutality did he learn about from his father and uncle? What examples of brutality did he witness himself?
7. Do you think he is a trustworthy source? Do you think he is biased?