

**Resource 4: Checks for Understanding**

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**Two conclusions about the Columbian Exchange appear below.**

**Conclusion 1**  
Columbus' encounter with the New World in 1492 did more harm than good for people in the New World.

**Conclusion 2**  
Although people who lived in the New World were hurt by their encounter with people from the Old World, people in the New World benefited much more than they were hurt.

1. Why might there be two different conclusions about the Columbian Exchange? Be sure to explain your answer.

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**Two conclusions about Presidents of the United States appear below.**

**Conclusion 1**  
Abraham Lincoln was the greatest President of the United States ever. He led our country through the Civil War and helped end slavery in the United States.

**Conclusion 2**  
George Washington led our country to victory over the most powerful nation on earth and helped us win our independence. He has to be considered our best President.

2. Why might there be two different conclusions about Presidents of the United States? Be sure to explain your answer.

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