

**Resource 5: Checks for Understanding**

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1. Which statement **BEST** explains how America got its name?
  - a. it was Christopher Columbus' middle name
  - b. a mapmaker named it after an explorer he read about
  - c. indigenous people named it after one of their great leaders
  - d. the Library of Congress purchased the right to name it for \$10 million

**Use the timeline below and what you have learned to answer question 2.**

1492 - Columbus reached that he believed was in the "Indies"  
1497 - Vespucci traveled to areas explored by Columbus  
1503 - Vespucci concluded that Columbus landed in "Mundus Novus"  
1507 - Waldseemuller created a map with an area he labeled "America"

2. Which statement **BEST** explains a change that occurred in 1507?
  - a. more people concluded that the world was round
  - b. more people concluded that maps were no longer valuable
  - c. more people concluded that a new continent had been discovered
  - d. more people concluded that it was more dangerous to sail west of Europe

**Two accounts of Columbus' beliefs appear below.**

**Account 1**

Columbus discovered a new world and knew it. On his third voyage he explored the area that we now call South America and said it was a place "hitherto unknown."

**Account 2**

Columbus died not knowing that he discovered a new continent. When he wrote about his second and third voyages, he wrote that he explored the "*Indias Occidentales*" (*west Indies - part of Asia*) that were "*at the end of the Orient*" [Asia].

3. Which statement **BEST** explains why there are different accounts of the same event in history?
  - a. the people who wrote the accounts made up information
  - b. the people who wrote the accounts did not do good research
  - c. the people who wrote the accounts did not read about Columbus' third voyage
  - d. the people who wrote the accounts based their conclusions on different evidence