

Resource 7: Checks for Understanding

Name _____

1. Four events described in this lesson appear below. Write the ones that are causes in the CAUSES boxes, then write the events that are effects in the EFFECTS boxes.
- Spain agreed to pay for Columbus' enterprise
 - Columbus planned the Enterprise of the Indies
 - Columbus read The Travels of Marco Polo
 - Spain's war ended

CAUSES	Effects

2. Why did experts in Europe turn down Columbus' plan to sail west to get to the Far East?
- a. Experts said that the world was flat
 - b. Experts said there were dangerous sea creatures
 - c. Columbus said he wanted 10% of all riches he found
 - d. Columbus said the world was smaller than it actually is

Read the two accounts below then answer question 3 below

Account 1

The main reason why Columbus had a difficult time finding someone to pay for his Enterprise of the Indies was that Spain was fighting a war that cost a lot of money. They did not have enough money to pay for Columbus' trip until the war ended.

Account 2

The main reason why Columbus had a difficult time getting Spain to pay for his Enterprise of the Indies was that Columbus' was from Italy and the Spanish worried that he might be some sort of spy who might give what he learned and found to the rulers of his birthplace - Italy.

3. Which statement **best** explains why there are different accounts of Columbus' Enterprise of the Indies?
- a. The accounts were written in different years
 - b. The accounts were written by different people
 - c. The people who wrote the accounts had different points of view
 - d. The people who wrote the accounts used different evidence to support their conclusions