

ENCOUNTER by Jane Yolen

Point of View

T H E R E A R E T W O S I D E S T O E V E R Y S T O R Y

Reread the text, thinking about *perspective* (point of view). How did each side feel during the famous encounter? Was it fair? Were they nervous? Happy? How did they feel afterwards?

Pretend you are a Taíno Indian, and write down your thoughts about the encounter. Don't forget to write the page number in the thought bubble to support your ideas. Then, do the same pretending you are a European.

what a Taíno might have been thinking

what a European might have been thinking

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I feel confused. Is my dream real? What are those great-sailed ships?

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Land! At long last! This voyage has felt like an eternity. I am excited.

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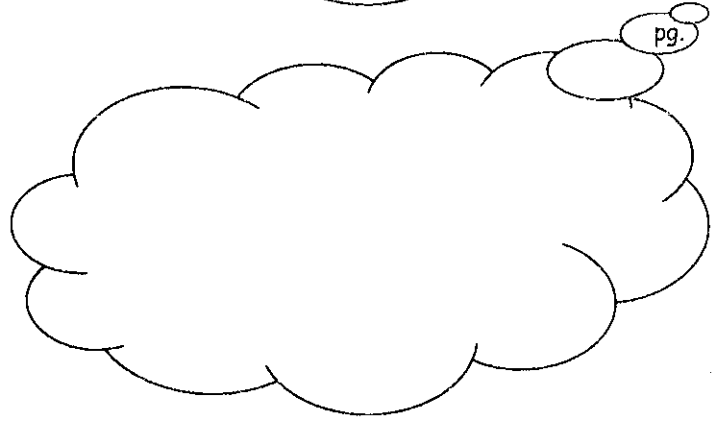
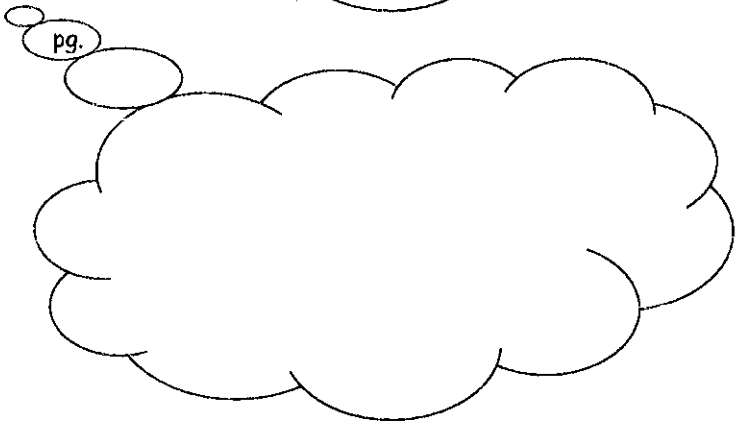
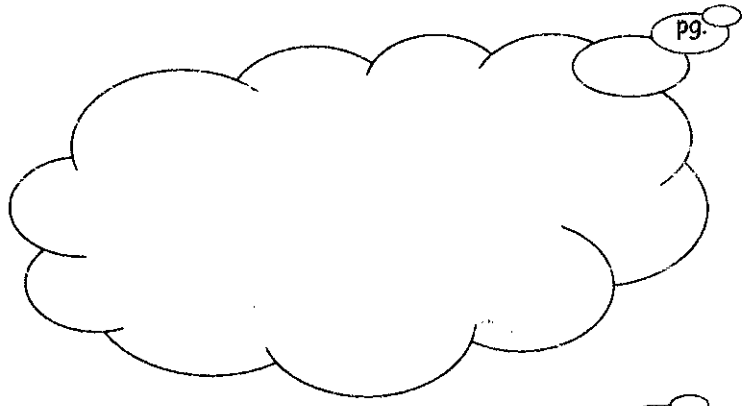
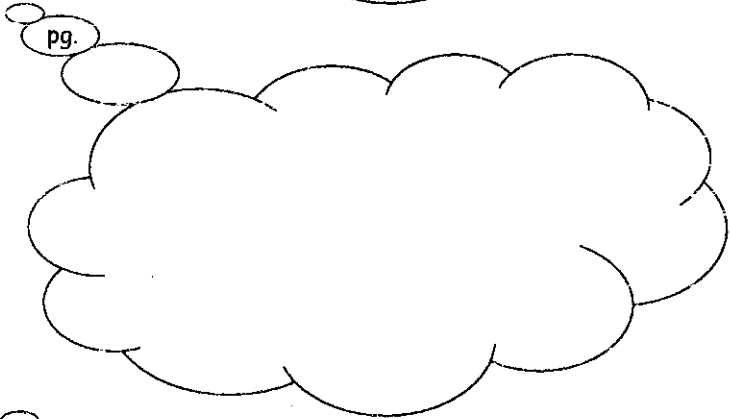
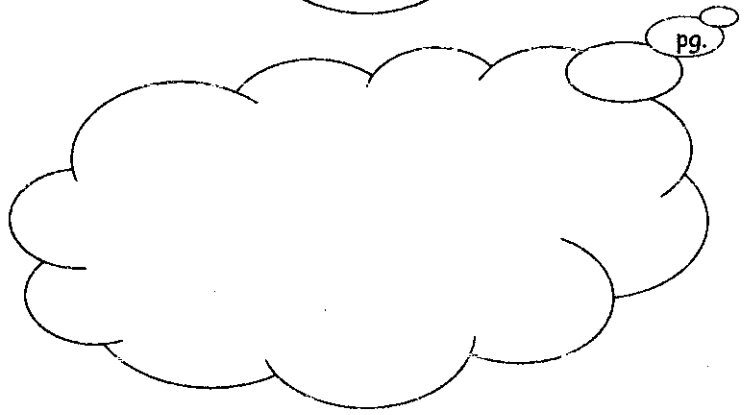
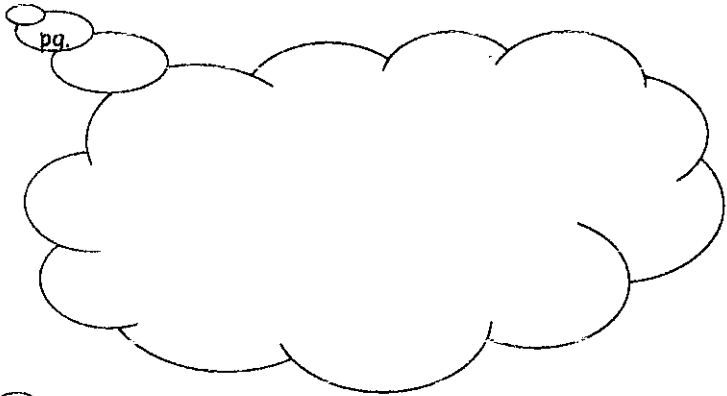
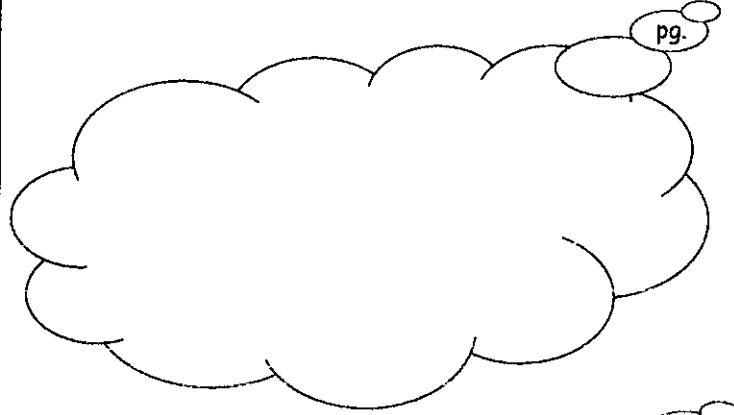
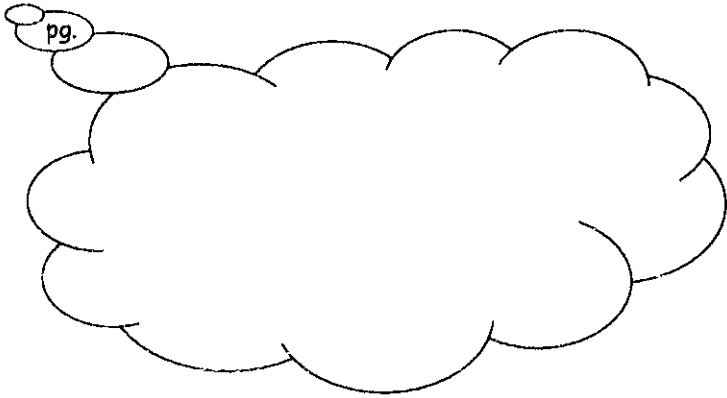
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what a **Taino** may have been thinking

what a **European** may have been thinking



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Point of View: Diary Assignment

THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY

Using your **thought bubble notes** about how each side felt, you are going to compose two diary entries on lined paper. **Write at least 8 sentences** for *each* entry.

First,

Compose a diary entry about the encounter from the **perspective** ("point of view") of a **Taino child**. You may want to think about the following questions:

- How do you feel about the Europeans' arrival?
- What about the Europeans' gifts?
- Do you trust them? Why or why not?
- Why do you act the way you do?
- How do you feel towards the end of the encounter?
- Have your ideas about your own people (the Tainos) changed? How about your view of the Europeans?

Second,

Compose a diary entry about the encounter from the **perspective** of a **European explorer**. You may want to think about the following questions:

- How do you feel about your journey?
- Why are you traveling across the Atlantic Ocean? What do you want?
- What do you think about the Taino people?
- Why do you act the way you do? Do you trust the Tainos?
- How do you feel towards the end of the encounter?

