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Dear Publishers of the *Making A New Nation* Textbook:

My name is LaShawna Weahkee. I live in Zuni, New Mexico. I'm a fifth grade student at Dowa Yalanne Elementary School. My class is doing research about the Christopher Columbus. Also in the textbook there was not that much information about him. So I'm writing to your company about this situation.

It tells about Christopher Columbus on pages 114-117. It informs us about Columbus and how he was after gold. But the island they landed at was where Taínos were. So Columbus forced the Taínos to collect the gold for him. And if they didn't they were either burned, slay, or hanged to death. ("The Untold Story")

In the book that I read said that Columbus made a deal with the queens of Spain. That whoever he met on his voyage he would make them Christian. So the queens agreed to give Columbus the money for his voyage. And he never made any people Christian. The people were just turned to slave and they were forced to do jobs for Columbus and his crew.

But to your perspective you are probably thinking that you had a success in making the social studies textbook. But if kids read the textbook it will give them information but not enough. And if they read different books about Columbus then they will have valuable information about him. But that information should be involved your own textbook. So I think that you should add that valuable information into your own textbook.

Sincerely, LaShawna

