



Fourth Grade

The summer reading selection for upcoming fourth graders is *Who Was Christopher Columbus?* This book is written by Bonnie Bader. You are expected to read this book prior to the beginning of the new school year in August. You will have a choice of activities to choose from based on your personal interests and learning styles to demonstrate your understanding of the book. The reading and activity will be due by August 13, 2018. A book will be checked out to you before you leave for summer break and will need to be returned during the first week of the new school year.

Activity options (please choose one):

- Graphic Organizer – list several accomplishments that Christopher Columbus experienced in his travels. Also include some of the obstacles that he encountered during his journey. Write a summary using information from the graphic organizer.
- Scrapbook (see attached sample) – Create memories of events in the travels of Christopher Columbus and his exploration of the Americas. Include a cover sheet that represents Columbus and his accomplishments. Include a separate page for various parts of the route and events that may have happened during that time. You may print pictures, cut pictures from magazines, or draw them to include in your scrapbook. Include a caption and written explanation on each page to describe the events. Notebook paper or plain paper can be used for this activity.
- Diary – Create a diary related to the text (8 – 10 entries) as if you were Christopher Columbus and you were describing the routes you took on your exploration of the Americas. This can be done on paper or PowerPoint (8 – 10 slides).
- Technology Activity – Create a PowerPoint presentation or a Prezi that includes a description of the people in the story, a sequence of events in the story, and how those events are related to the people’s motivation, traits, or feelings. Minimum of (5) slides.

http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson1063/CreatingPowerPointSlide.pdf

Activity Due Date: 8/13/18

- Bring to school in August
- Email technology activities to your new teacher
- Technology activities can be saved on a zip-drive and brought to your teacher the first week of school



Directions: List several accomplishments and obstacles that Christopher Columbus encountered in his life. Use the graphic organizer to write a summary of *Who Was Christopher Columbus?*



Accomplishments



Obstacles



Scrapbook Example



