

## GRAMMAR AND WORD USE QUESTIONS

1. Cite superlative adjectives in the first four sentences and discuss Columbus's use of them.
2. How does the first superlative differ from the others?
3. In the sentence beginning with *haec*, find and translate the relative clause of characteristic.
4. Find four other superlatives in the latter part of the passage and discuss their use.

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. In the first three sentences, cite three important factors in favor of the island.
2. What especially amazes Columbus about the time of year?
3. What surprises him about the birds?
4. What does he say about the plants as compared to those in Europe?
5. What factors does he reiterate on the second island as unbelievable?
6. What two very valuable commodities has he found here?
7. How do Columbus's observations reflect his background as a trade representative?



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