

GRAMMAR AND WORD USE QUESTIONS

- Discuss the metaphor in the first sentence.
"They are brought forth into light (life)" is used for birth.
- Identify the form of *uti* in the phrase *audent iugiter uti* (line 12). Translate it.
*It is the infinitive of the deponent verb **utor**. **Uti** "to use."*
- In the sentence beginning *nam saepe evenit*, we find the indirect statement *exiisse agmen glomeratum ex Indis* used as the object of *evenit*. The more usual format would use a subjunctive clause. Add the word "that" and translate as a clause.
"It happens that a crowded line has gone out from the Indians."
- In the same sentence find and translate the *cum* concessive clause and the purpose clause.
***Cum miserim** "although I have sent"—**cum** concessive clause; **ut loquerentur** "so that they might speak"—purpose clause.*

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- What is the only clothing that Columbus sees among the natives?
The women wear aprons.
- What two things do they lack? How does one of these deficiencies grow from the other?
Iron and arms (fighting weapons). Weapons known to the Europeans are made of iron.
- How does Columbus hasten to inform his reader that these people look normal?
He says they are very well formed; physical deformity is not why they are not suited to arms.
- While Columbus says they lack arms (in the European sense), what weapons do they carry?
Reeds dried by the sun with wooden points.
- How do the natives react when the Europeans approach?
They flee in panic, deserting family members.

6. What does Columbus do when he actually gets close to one?

He gives them whatever he has.

7. When contact is established, how do the natives treat the newcomers?

Very generously; they give them all they have.



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