

GRAMMAR AND WORD USE QUESTIONS

- When translating the sentence beginning *Hispanae*, distinguish carefully between the words *Hispana* and *Hispania*. Give the meaning of each.
Hispana is the island; *Hispania* is Spain.
- What is the construction *est affectanda . . . non spernenda*? Translate it.
It is a passive periphrastic: "must be claimed"; "must not be scorned."
- What does this construction indicate about Columbus's attitude?
Passive periphrastics are used for absolute necessities; this must be done.
- In the sentence beginning *in qua*, of what word is *qua* a form? What is its antecedent?
The relative pronoun qui—the island (haec insula).

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- How has Columbus measured the size of the island Joanna?
He has sailed along it and he says that it is bigger than England and Scotland combined.
- What unusual residents do the Indians say live on this island?
In one province the people have tails.
- What is Columbus's attitude toward these residents?
He mentions them but does not seek them out. He probably does not believe they exist.
- What does he say about the size of the island Hispana?
That it is bigger than all Spain from Colibre to the Rapid Fountain.
- What is his attitude toward Hispana?
He says that this island must be claimed, and once claimed must not be ignored.
- How does he say he has established authority in all the places he has visited?
He has claimed them for the king.
- What has he done on this island and no other?
Taken personal possession of a large village and renamed it.

8. What does Columbus say is the evident special advantage of this place?

It was suitable for trade and commerce.

9. What has he ordered to be built there?

A fortress. This evidently was La Navidad, built from the lumber salvaged from the Santa Maria, which had become grounded. He left forty men in charge of this fort.



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