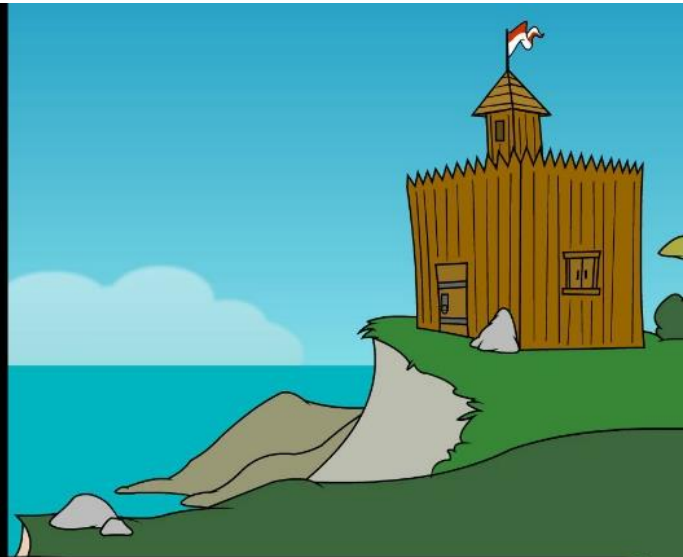
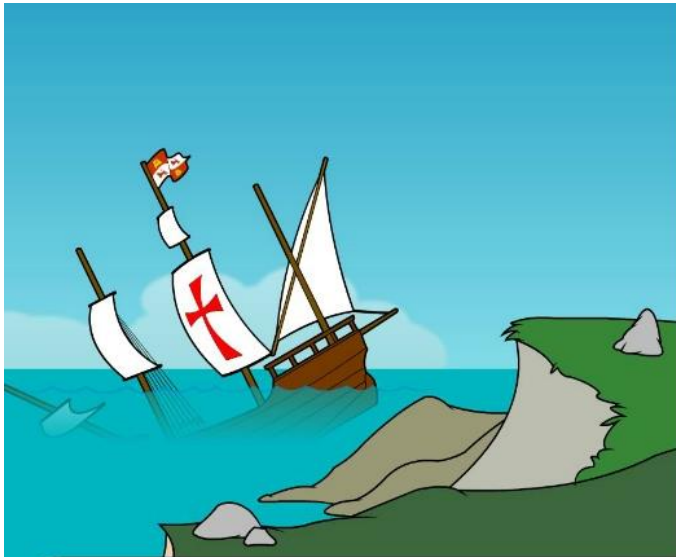


# Count Down to Columbus Day

# 3

Christopher Columbus:  
A Very Un-Merry Time  
in Christmas Town





DURING COLUMBUS'S FIRST EXPEDITION IN THE NEW WORLD HIS SHIP, THE SANTA MARIA, GOT STUCK AND BEGAN TO SINK. WITH THE HELP OF THE TAINO NATIVES, HIS MEN SALVAGED THE SUPPLIES. THEY WERE ALSO ABLE TO GET WOOD FROM THE BOAT AND BUILD A SMALL FORT. THE SHIP WENT DOWN OVER THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 24TH AND THE MORNING OF THE 25TH (CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS MORNING), SO THEY NAMED THE SETTLEMENT...

**Villa de la Navidad.**

THIS CAN BE TRANSLATED AS

**Christmas Town.**

NOW SHORT ONE SHIP, COLUMBUS ORDERED 39 MEN TO STAY, GROW CROPS AND LOOK FOR GOLD. HE WOULD GO BACK TO SPAIN AND RETURN WITH MORE MEN, MORE BOATS AND MORE SUPPLIES.



WHICH HE DID. BUT WHEN HE GOT BACK TO CHRISTMAS TOWN THINGS HAD NOT GONE WELL. THE FORT WAS BURNED DOWN AND ALL 39 MEN WERE DEAD.

THE TAINO NATIVES EXPLAINED THAT THE SPANISH SETTLERS REFUSED TO PLANT CROPS, AND WHEN THEIR FOOD RAN OUT THEY GOT HUNGRY. SO THEY ATTACKED THE TAINO DEMANDING FOOD, GOLD AND EVEN KIDNAPPING THEIR WOMEN. THE ONCE FRIENDLY TAINO FOUGHT BACK AND WIPED OUT ALL THE SETTLERS - MAKING FOR A VERY UN-MERRY TIME IN CHRISTMAS TOWN.





THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SPAINSH SETTLERS AND THE TAINO NATIVES SEEMED TO BE GOOD AT FIRST. THE TAINO EVEN HELPED COLUMBUS SALVAGE THE SUPPLIES FROM THE SINKING SHIP. BUT SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS FOR THE TAINO TO WIPE OUT THE 39 MEN AND BURN THE FORT. FROM THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE HERE GIVE YOUR OPINION OF WHAT WENT WRONG BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS. WHAT COULD ONE OF BOTH OF THE GROUPS HAVE DONE DIFFERENTLY TO AVOID THE VIOLENCE AT VILLA DE LA NAVIDAD?

