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**Was Christopher Columbus a Hero or Villain?**

Read and analyze the documents and complete the graphic organizer below. As you examine each document, pay attention to the author’s bias. Are the sources reliable?

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**Assessment:** The authors of *Horrible Histories* are writing a chapter for their new book on Exploration. You have been hired to write a passage for a chapter titled Christopher Columbus: Hero or Villain?” As you think about whether or not you believe Columbus was ultimately good or bad, think about the following questions: 1. How can we view history constructively so that we can learn from it? 2. How do we understand the actions of the historical figures within the context of their own time? 3. Is it appropriate for us to judge the past by our own moral code? In the space below or on a separate sheet of paper, write your passage. **It should include an answer to the chapter question (Christopher Columbus: Hero or Villain?), evidence from all three documents to support your answer, and be written in at least eight sentences.**