"BEFORE COLUMBUS" RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

Teams of 4 will conduct research, develop a thesis, then create museum displays on their findings. Each team member will be assigned a chapter from *Before Columbus* to focus on (additional research is encouraged). The objective is to think critically about the guiding question for each of the parts in *Before Columbus*. Teams will develop a thesis, then use evidence to support it. Theses and evidence will be on display in the form of a classroom museum. Teams will be evaluated according to the PBL rubrics on our website: sevies.org.

Product ideas: Trifold display poster + 3D artifact, info-graphics, Digital presentation/ website/Adobe Spark + 3D artifact, Archeology Newspaper + 3D artifact, A short documentary film, or another kind of digital media.

Have another idea? Email Mr. Tubach ttubach@csmh.org

Before Columbus, **Part 1: How Old Was The New World?** (Chapters 1-4)
1. Cities of the Desert
2. Genetic Engineering
3. From Olmec to Maya
4. To the Land of Four Quarters

Before Columbus, **Part 2: Why Did Europe Succeed?** (Chapters 5-8)
5. The Great Meeting
6. Long, Long Ago
7. Extinction
8. Disease-free Paradise?

Before Columbus, **Part 3: Were the Americas Really a Wilderness?** (Chapters 9-11)
9. Amazonia
10. Land of Fire
11. The Created Wilderness