

## English through History explorers roleplays

### Talking to Columbus before he goes roleplay

You are Columbus. Try to persuade the King and Queen of Spain to pay for your journey around the world to find a new route to Cathay (= China).

You are the King of Spain. You think it is a good idea, but want to reduce the amount of money you give Columbus.

You are the Queen of Spain. You don't think it's a good idea, but might be persuaded if Columbus offers you enough benefits, e.g. future profits.

### Talking to Columbus after he gets back roleplay

You are Columbus. Try to persuade the King and Queen of Spain that your voyage was a success, even though you didn't reach China.

You are the Queen of Spain. Try to get your money back of Columbus because he didn't reach China as he promised.

You are the King of Spain. You want to punish Columbus for breaking his promise.

### Other roleplays

You are Stanley and have just returned from the African jungle, where you met David Livingstone. Try to persuade the unbelieving people listening that you really met him.

You are Francis Drake and have just arrived back at Elizabeth I's court. Try to persuade her that the potatoes, tobacco and Native American slaves you've brought back from America are just as good as the gold, silk and spices that others are bringing back.

You've just arrived back from the African jungle claiming to have found the route to the origin of the Nile, but there's no one to back up your claim. Try to persuade the others that what you are saying is true.