Comparing Viewpoints

The Spanish in the Caribbean

1. Look at the two images of Columbus on p. 320 of your text. What perspectives are shown in these two images?

2. What might account for the differences in the two views of Columbus?

 Compare the information and attitudes expressed in the two letters on p. 321 of your text. 4. How do you explain the differences in the two accounts? Why might the Europeans and the Indigenous peoples have changed in 20 years?

5. Based on the documents, there can be no doubt that the treatment of the Indigenous peoples of the Caribbean by the Spanish was unjustifiably brutal. Write a paragraph to persuade leaders that these peoples should be compensated today for the lost lands and the enslavement of their ancestors.