

Social Studies, Grade 5

Unit I: Lesson B5

Essay: **Go West?**



Read about Columbus' belief that he could go west to find a route to China.

In an essay, explain why Columbus did not discover China. Explain whether you feel that Columbus was a success or a failure.

Using your essay, organize and rehearse a small panel of students to discuss the issue for the class. Present your panel discussion before your classmates.