

Bridge/ Minilesson: We learned the Tier 2 word, organized and practiced using it in sentences with a speaking partner. Then, we read and analyzed an anonymous writing sample in groups to see if it was organized (students decided it was not), and highlighted the text.

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became	lived	on	to	wanted	was
went	first	thought	named	native	fought
another	Spain	explored	explorers	Christopher	Columbus
Francisco Pizarro		Hernando de	Cortéz	Juan Ponce de	León

Look at this student's writing. There are many sentences about all of the explorers. Is it **organized**?

Native People live in florida.  
cortez sailed to Mexico in 1519.  
columbus wanted to go to Asia.

Ponce de Leon fought the native people.  
cortez became the leader of Mexico.  
columbus had three ships.

Ponce de Leon went on a voyage.  
Pizarro wanted to find gold.  
Pizarro became the leader of Peru.  
columbus told about the new place.

Ponce de Leon looked for a fountain of youth.  
The Spanish fought the native people.

Use your highlighter to find all of the sentences about Columbus.

Shared Writing (Group Work Time): We analyzed the previous writing sample and used the highlighted sentences to create a new, organized paragraph about Columbus.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

We will write an organized paragraph about Columbus, using the highlighted sentences.

Columbus was an explorer for Spain. Columbus wanted to go to Asia. Columbus had three ships. Columbus thought the new place was Asia, but it was not Asia. It was North America. He thought the native people were Indians. Columbus told the king and queen of Spain about the new place.

Individual Work Time: Students worked individually on their prewriting. They chose a different explorer to write about.

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Choose a different explorer (not Columbus). Write four sentences about that explorer.

1

Ponce de Leon  
named <sup>a</sup> new place  
Florida.

3

Ponce de Leon  
fought the native  
people.

Ponce de Leon was an explorer for Spain.

2

Ponce de Leon  
wanted to find  
gold.

4

The native  
people killed Ponce  
de Leon.

**Summary: Students worked individually on their writing. They put their sentences together to make an organized paragraph.**

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Take your four sentences and put them together to make one paragraph.

Ponce de Leon was an explorer for Spain. Ponce de Leon  
named a new place Florida. Ponce de Leon  
wanted to find gold. Ponce de Leon  
fought the native people. The native  
people killed Ponce de Leon.

Good  
work!

**Closure: We read our paragraphs and decided if they were organized, and why or why not.**