***Christopher Columbus*** Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lies My Teacher Told Me by James Lowen (answer the following ?’s on this paper and write the page that you found the answer)

1. What do American History textbooks describe Columbus as? Why?
2. Throughout the reading where are the bolded inserts from?
3. What does Loewen think about traditional textbooks?
4. Who was the first to reach the Americas?
5. What is humanism?
6. What were the 4 new forms of social technology?
7. What was Columbus’s plan for Haiti?
8. What are the 2 reasons for Europe’s readiness to embrace the Americas?
9. Why do texts not tell the truth about European treatment?
10. What great sailors came before Columbus?
11. Cultures do not evolve in a vacuum, what does that mean?
12. Define ethnocentrism.
13. Which expeditions may have reached the Americas before Columbus is the most interesting to you and why?
14. What was Norse?
15. Who were Afro-Phoenicians and what did they do?
16. Why does Loewen mention rap?
17. What is guanine?
18. What are the only things that textbooks get correct about Columbus?
19. What do different texts say about the voyage? What is the truth?
20. Did most people in 1492 think the earth was flat?
21. Who captained the Nina and the Pinta?
22. Which Indian tribe inhabited the Caribbean?
23. How many Indians did Columbus take to Spain? How many survived the trip?
24. What was Columbus’s goal in 1495?
25. What was ‘encomienda’? What did it do?
26. How many years after the census did the millions of Indians disappear?
27. What did Columbus teach John Smith?
28. Where did the British colony Indians flee to?
29. How did Columbus change the world?
30. How did Columbus’s ideas about Indians change?
31. What is Loewen’s theory about exploiting people?
32. What did adding corn in Africa and potatoes to Europe do with the population in the 16th and 17th centuries?
33. Why doesn’t Mexico celebrate Columbus?
34. Do you agree with Lowen’s description of Columbus as a heroic navigator and a great plunderer? Why or why not?
35. After reading this, how do you feel about the statement: “Columbus discovered America.”?
36. In 1492, who enslaved who?
37. Which Spaniard from the time opposed slavery? What else did he do?
38. What are your reactions to Loewen’s last paragraph?