

## Grammar Review: Verb Tense Consistency

*Directions: On a separate sheet of paper, rewrite the following paragraph with correct verb tenses.*

It was astonishing that there is still a holiday to celebrate Christopher Columbus in the United States of America. Not only was Columbus a murderer and destroyer of culture, but he wasn't even the first European to reach the shores of North America. Columbus had landed in the Caribbean in 1492 and decided that because the native cultures there do not look like European society, they must be uncivilized. He then proceeded to impose European ways of life on the native Caribbeans, which will include type of dress, system of government, and religious practices. Additionally, he enslaved many of the native people, forcing them to work for no compensation on land they once consider their own. Those who protest his changes were murdered. Because he was originally destined for India, and initially mistook the Caribbean for India, he has called the native people Indians. He soon could realized his mistake, but did not change the moniker. In fact, it has took almost 500 years for this error to be corrected. Today, those who were once referred to as Indians, are will be called Native Americans. Despite this change in vocabulary, the United States had a long history of improperly treating the native people, which is publically displayed on the second Monday in October, when banks and schools close to celebrate Columbus Day.