

Columbus and the "Discovery" of the "New World"

International comparison: Comparing a German and an English popular history magazine issue

In what way does the illustration and appreciation of Columbus in German magazines differ from other international magazines? The following is a comparison of two examples between ["G/Geschichte: Departure into the New World. Columbus and the era of the explorers" \(2006\)](#) and the English magazine ["History Today" \(1992\)](#).

Tasks

1

Analysing the list of contents

Take a look at the list of [contents of the magazine "G/Geschichte: Departure into the New World. Columbus and the era of the explorers."](#) and try to arrange the topics according to subject groups.

2

Comparing the German and the English list of contents

Compare, together with your partner, the [list of contents of the German "G/Geschichte"](#) with the [list of contents of the English magazine "History Today"](#). Can you pick out different viewpoints on Columbus? Explain your findings.



3

Comparing the title pages and the list of contents in the English and the German magazine

The [title pages of "G/Geschichte"](#) and ["History Today"](#) are designed very differently. Can you find a connection between the choice of pictures and the main topics in the list of contents? Explain your considerations.

Tip: Try to find out more about the artists.

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Further international comparisons

If you are further interested in this topic you can take a look at [Spanish](#), [Swedish](#) and [Polish](#) lists of contents here and compare them to the [German](#) and [English](#) equivalents. You can also find the German and English front pages in the [additional material](#).