Note: These responses were generated in small group discussion. Students were given time to brainstorm together about pre-conceived notions of the Atlantic World in 1491. While many students took notes using their student computing device, I encouraged students not to Google for answers.

Example Student #1:

Atlantic World 1491

What would you see?	Europe/Europeans	Americas/People of the Americas
Landscape	Divided, Italians in power, overcrowded, near water, unsanitary	Regions: • Coastal-Beaches • Plains, flat • clean water sources • nature
Food	Bread for the poor Meat for the nobles	Agriculture, fish, turkey,
Activities of people	Religious, worked	Farming, toolmaking, religious practices

Example Student #2:

Atlantic World 1491				
What would you see?	Europe/Europeans	Americas/People of the Americas		
Landscape	Cities, structured towns and land, agriculture, small villages	Open fields with wild animals, farmland, forests,		
Food	Bread, wheat,	Crops such as corn/maize. Fish and animal meat.		
Activities of people	Religion, work, consumed alcohol, farming, feudal system, crafting	Hunting, fishing, crafting, forage, farming, dance.		

Example Student #3:

Atlantic World 1491

What would you see?	Europe/Europeans	Americas/People of the Americas
Landscape	Rural, churches, building of stone and wood, farms, small towns	fields, dirt paths, mountains, forests, buffalo, bison
Food	food usually homegrown,	beans, corn, tomatoes, potatoes
Activities of people	farming, religious	hunting, farming, fishing

Example Student #4:

Atlantic World 1491

What would you see?	Europe/Europeans	Americas/People of the Americas
Landscape	Cities filled with people and lands littered with farms and forests	Fertile land, prairies, open fields, plenty of clean water water.
Food	Bread, soup, meat, sweets,	meats and vegetables
Activities of people.	Rich relax while the poor work. Religious practices	They barter, hunting