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Using these sources, compare and contrast the reactions of the Indigenous Americans to the European explorers with the way that the European explorers reacted to the Indigenous Americans.

Example 1:

The Indigenous people reacted to the Europeans in a kind and peaceful way, But the Europeans were aggressive and mean.

The Indigenous people were peaceful and kind, and they were very shy (timid). They fled when the Europeans approached them. In the text, Columbus says, “as soon as they saw our men arrive, they fled without a moment’s delay although I protected them from all injury... they are so unsuspecting and so generous with what they possess.” This shows that they were terrified and shy.

The European people were aggressive and bloodthirsty. When the Indigenous people were kind to them, they were demanding for more gold and silver. The Europeans were hungry for more money and gold. “Soon they wanted more. They wanted to produce the goods. This way they could make even more money. The Europeans could grow tobacco and sugar there, for example.”

The Europeans and Indigenous people were both shocked when they saw each other because they have never seen each other.

The Indigenous and European people were both shocked when they met and they both acted differently when they met. For example, the Europeans. They were demanding more money when they had more than enough from the Indigenous people.

Example 2:

The reactions of the Indigenous Americans to the European explorers with the way that the European explorers reacted to the Indigenous Americans are different. The Indigenous people reacted to the Europeans in a peaceful way. And The Europeans reacted to the Indigenous people in an aggressive way. Their reactions are similar because they both felt shock upon first meeting each other.

The Indigenous were nice and peaceful. In the text it says, “ God made all the peoples of this area... as open and as innocent as can be imagined. The simplest people in the world - unassuming, long-suffering, unassertive, and submissive - they are without malice or guile, and are utterly faithful and obedient both to their own native lords and to the Spaniards in whose service they now find themselves. This shows that the Indigenous people were nice and peaceful.”

The reactions of the Europeans were aggressive and bloodthirsty. In the text it says, “ It was upon these gentle lambs that from the very first day they clapped eyes on them the Spanish feel like ravening wolves upon the fold, or like tigers and savage lions who have not eaten meat for days when the Spanish first journeyed there, the indigenous population of the island of Hispaniola stood at some three million today only two hundred survive.”

Both groups were surprised to meet to each other because The things that seldom happen bring astonishment. And the Europeans were surprised too. This shows that they are surprised.

In conclusion the Indigenous people were peaceful and the Europeans aggressive but they were both surprised.

Example 3:

The Indigenous people and the Europeans met almost 500 years ago when the Europeans came to the Americas, the Indigenous people's reaction was peaceful however, the Europeans' reaction was aggressive to them. Their reactions were also similar because they were both astonished or shocked.

The Indigenous people were nice and peaceful, I know this because in the article "The simplest people in the world - unassuming, long-suffering, unassertive, and submissive - they are without malice or guile" This piece of evidence shows that the Indigenous people were nice and peaceful to everyone.

The Europeans' reaction to the Indigenous people was greedy and aggressive. I said this because the Europeans forced the Indigenous people to change their religion. I know this because in the article "Perspectives on the Columbian Exchange" in the text it says "there is but one God, who is in Heaven, who gives us everything we need and is the Creator of all things and that in Him alone we should believe. Also that one must receive baptism or perish in hell." This piece of evidence shows that the Europeans were trying to make the Indigenous people change their religion.

The Europeans and The Indigenous people were similar because they were both shocked or astonished by each other because they are not familiar with each other.

This was my essay on how the Indigenous' reaction was compared and contrasted to the Europeans' reaction.

