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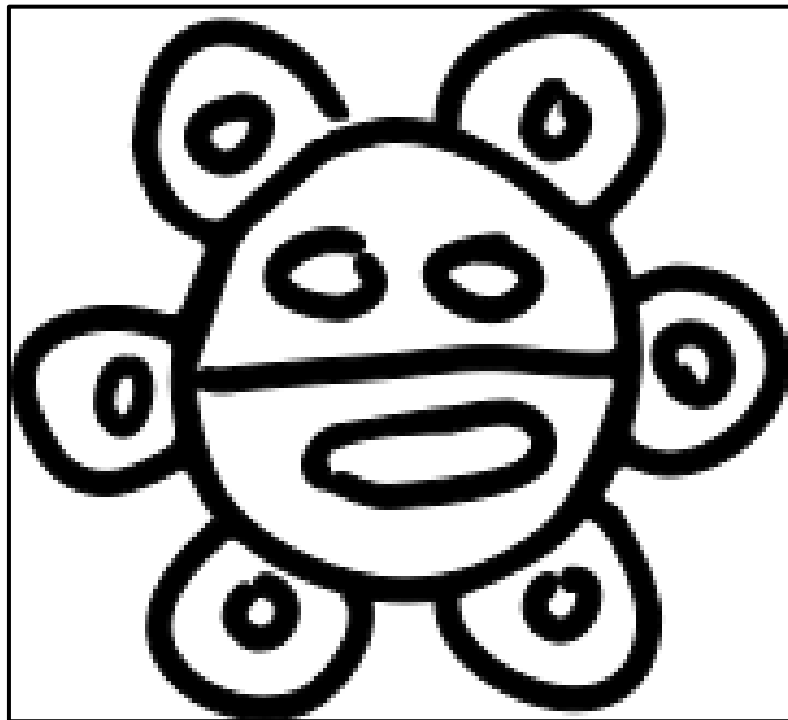
Use these words and phrases to fill in the blanks:

shared ☀️ indians ☀️ hammock ☀️ Christopher Columbus ☀️ manatee
sailing ☀️ hurricanes ☀️ Descendants ☀️ pineapples ☀️ Hispaniola ☀️ fish
barbecue ☀️ good people ☀️ disease ☀️ canoes ☀️ life ☀️ hutía

1. In 1492, explorer _____ sailed west from the country of Spain, in Europe.
2. He thought he could reach India and Asia by _____ around the world.
3. Instead, he landed on an island in the Caribbean Sea he called _____, in honor of Spain.
4. He was so sure he had reached India that he called the people living on the islands "_____."
5. These inhabitants called themselves Táinos, which in their language meant _____.
6. The Táinos were expert seamen. They traveled around the islands in _____ made of dugout trees.
7. The islands provided the Táinos with all they needed. The rivers and sea had plenty of _____. One source of food was a marine mammal called a _____. They hunted a rat-like animal called a _____.

8. The Taínos grew _____, squash, corn and sweet potatoes. Families lived in round huts called bohíos. Food was _____ by the village.
9. The Taínos believed in the spirits of nature. The spirit of winds and storms, Hura'kan, was thought to be responsible for _____.
10. Taíno life changed forever after the Europeans came to the islands. Many died of _____. After a while, much of the Taíno way of _____ disappeared.
11. Havana and Jamaica are two places in the Caribbean with Taíno names. Some English words, like _____ and _____ have Taíno roots.
12. _____ of Taínos are trying to keep their heritage alive. The *Jatibonicu Taíno Tribal Nation* in Puerto Rico holds ceremonies to celebrate Taíno culture and music.

Color your own Taíno symbol:



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Answers:

1. Christopher Columbus
2. sailing
3. Hispaniola
4. indians
5. good people
6. canoes
7. fish, manatee, hutía
8. beans, shared
9. hurricanes
10. disease, life
11. hammock, barbecue
12. Descendants