It seems that everywhere, children are told stories about historical figures that are meant to _______________ or _______________. However, these stories often _______________ from the truth. Perhaps nowhere in U.S. culture is this more true than when it comes to Christopher Columbus. Hero fictionalizing is so _______________, in fact, that The Simpsons parodies it in the episode titled “Lisa the Iconoclast.” While researching her town's founder, Jebediah Springfield, Lisa Simpson _______________ facts about him that are _______________ different from what she was told in, among other places, public school. In this essay, I will analyze how the process of fictionalizing what is told to children about each of these supposed heroes is similar and different, and I will offer my perspective on what I (a secondary student) believe primary-aged children should be told about Columbus. First, I will examine both the children’s stories and actual stories about both of these men.

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