

## First Contact – Discussion Questions

1. What are some comparisons between Cabrillo's arrival in Alta California and *War of the Worlds*?
2. What would the oceanic route from Spain to Alta California entail?
3. What were the "Three G's" that brought the Spanish to Alta California and how would those factors impact the Native American cultures?
4. What is the significance and value of building a precise reconstruction of Cabrillo's San Salvador?
5. Lacking construction plans, what methods were employed to ensure the replica was authentically reproduced?
6. What risks did the native cultures accept by welcoming the Spanish sailors to their villages? How do different cultures welcome outsiders today? How are the risks the same and/or different?
7. How and why was Cabrillo's expedition different compared to the other Spanish explorers' expeditions?
8. What were the factors that lead to Cabrillo's death?
9. What are the possible locations of Cabrillo's gravesite?
10. How does the story of Cabrillo's encounters at the Channel Islands justify the claim that "America began here?"