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Sincerely,

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The following picture is me with my classmates and Ben Greenstein at the spot where Columbus landed. I am standing back row, left end.

