

Columbian Exchange Worksheet

The Columbian Exchange is the transfer of animals, plants, technology, and disease between the Old World- Europe, Africa, and Asia- and the New World- the newly discovered America continents.

Complete the chart below:

Goods introduced to the New World

Oranges

Coffee

Goods introduced to the Old World

Tomatoes

Potatoes

Before the Columbian Exchange, the lands of Florida did not grow oranges and no farmer in Italy knew about tomatoes (or pizza!). What are some other goods introduced in the Columbian Exchange that became staples?

Besides European diseases to the New World, what do you think was the most important result of the Columbian Exchange?

Historical Thinking

Name 3 goods introduced to the Old World that would forever change European society?

How did the introduction of horses and oxen to the New World change American Indian agriculture?

How did the introduction of sugar cane to the Caribbean islands effect the developing Triangular Trade? What if sugar cane was not introduced to the Caribbean islands, how might have the Triangle Trade been changed?