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**The Columbian Exchange Webquest**

**Directions: Use the website below to answer the questions. Type your answers in complete sentences if needed.**

**Go to:** [**https://thecolumbianexchange.weebly.com/index.html**](https://thecolumbianexchange.weebly.com/index.html)

1) What drifted apart millions of years ago to create two different worlds?

2) Which continental landmasses are referred to as the New World?

3) Which continental landmasses are referred to as the Old World?

4) What reunited the New and Old World?

5) What was Columbus the first to initiate between the two worlds?

6) How did the Columbian Exchange connect the two worlds?

7) Using the illustration, name three crops brought from the New World to the Old World.

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9) Using the illustration, name three animals brought from the Old World to the New World.

10) Using the illustration, name one thing brought from the Old World to the New World that affected the native populations.

11) Using the illustration, which items traded in the Columbian Exchange do you think are the most valuable? Explain your answer.

12) Why did Europeans bring food and animals with them to the New World?

13) What was the effect of travelers introducing new items to the other world?

**Go to:** [**https://thecolumbianexchange.weebly.com/maize.html**](https://thecolumbianexchange.weebly.com/maize.html)

14) What did Columbus find in the New World instead of gold?

15) Why was maize so appealing to people in the Old World?

16) How do you think the Old World would be different without maize?

**Go to:** [**https://thecolumbianexchange.weebly.com/potato.html**](https://thecolumbianexchange.weebly.com/potato.html)

17) Why were potatoes one of the most important crops brought to the Old World?

18) Where did potatoes originally come from? Who was the first Spaniard to see the potato?

19) What caused potatoes to become a staple crop in Europe?

20) What country became so dependent on the potato that when a blight hit, hundreds of thousands of people died of starvation?

**Go to:** [**https://thecolumbianexchange.weebly.com/rice.html**](https://thecolumbianexchange.weebly.com/rice.html)

21) What negative effect did the introduction of rice have on the New World?

22) Why were West Africans forced to grow rice in the New World?

23) What did enslaved Africans bring with them to the New World?

24) What caused the need for more enslaved Africans to be brought to the New World?

25) How do you think history would be different if rice was not brought to the New World?

**Go to:** [**https://thecolumbianexchange.weebly.com/smallpox.html**](https://thecolumbianexchange.weebly.com/smallpox.html)

26) What killed as much as 90 percent of the native population in the New World?

27) Why was smallpox so devastating to the native populations in the New World?

28) Why were Europeans uninfected by smallpox epidemics in the New World?

29) How did most Europeans see the effects of smallpox on native populations?

30) What do you think might have happened if native populations had been immune to European diseases?

31) Describe one positive and one negative effect of the Columbian Exchange.