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The Columbian Exchange

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| East to West: Disease  What were the reasons the first inhabitants of the Americas had few diseases?  What diseases were introduced by Europeans?  How many people are thought to have died in Mexico and Peru? What percentage of the population was lost when taking into account the Caribbean Islands?  What was the economic impact of the population loss and how did Europeans counter this loss? |

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| East to West: Crops and Animals  Name the food product brought from Europe and the Mediterranean.  Where did the Mediterranean crops originate?  What crops formed the basis of the slave trade?  What animals did not exist in the Americas before the Europeans arrived?  West to East: Disease  According to anthropologists, what diseases were present in Native Americans?  What disease might have been spread from Native Americans to Europeans? |

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| West to East: Crops and Cuisine  Name the Important crops used by Native Americans at the time of Columbus’ arrival.  By the 1800s, what two crops were being used throughout Europe?  What crops became important in Africa?  By the late 20th century, how much of the worlds food supply came from plants that were first cultivated in the Americas? |