

COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE

TRANSOCEANIC INTERACTIONS
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THIS IS THE THEMATIC FOCUS. IT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON FOR THIS SECTION

THEMATIC FOCUS

Humans and the Environments **ENV**

The environment shapes human societies, and as populations grow and change, these populations in turn shape their environments.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS

KC-4.1.V

The new connections between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres resulted in the exchange of new plants, animals, and diseases, known as the Columbian Exchange.

KC-4.1.V.A

European colonization of the Americas led to the unintentional transfer of disease vectors, including mosquitoes and rats, and the spread of diseases that were endemic in the Eastern Hemisphere, including smallpox, measles, and malaria. Some of these diseases substantially reduced the indigenous populations, with catastrophic effects in many areas.

KC-4.1.V.B

American foods became staple crops in various parts of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Cash crops were grown primarily on plantations with coerced labor and were exported mostly to Europe and the Middle East.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS

KC-4.1.V.C

Afro-Eurasian fruit trees, grains, sugar, and domesticated animals were brought by Europeans to the Americas, while other foods were brought by African enslaved persons.

KC-4.1.V.D

Populations in Afro-Eurasia benefitted nutritionally from the increased diversity of American food crops.



MAYBE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO OCCUR IN THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD (1450-1750) WAS THE

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WIDESPREAD TRANSFER OF ANIMALS, PLANTS, CULTURE, HUMANS, TECHNOLOGY, DISEASES, IDEAS BETWEEN OLD AND NEW WORLD IN THE 15TH & 16TH CENTURIES

NEW TO OLD

- TOBACCO
- PUMPKIN
- QUININE
- TURKEY
- SQUASH
- YAMS
- AVOCADO
- CACAO
- PINEAPPLE
- PEPPERS
- PEANUTS
- POTATOES
- TOMATOES
- CORN
- BEANS
- VANILLA
- LLAMAS
- RUBBER

OLD TO NEW

- BUBONIC PLAGUE
- SMALLPOX
- INFLUENZA
- TYPHUS
- MEASLES
- MALARIA
- DIPHTHERIA
- CHICKEN POX
- CHOLERA
- COLD
- LEPROSY
- HONEY BEE
- PIG
- SHEEP
- CATTLE
- COFFEE
- CITRUS
- BANANA
- GRAINS
- SUGAR CANE