

Age of Exploration – Lesson 3: The Columbian Exchange

Answer the following exercises from the Lesson we discussed in class.

I. Fill the Blanks: Complete the sentence using a word from the box below.

Columbus Caribbean Measles Europe Corn Horses

1. When Columbus returned to Spain, he did not bring back spices and silk to _____.
2. _____ spread across Europe and to Africa and Asia.
3. Sugar cane grew well in the warm, moist climate of the _____.
4. _____ and donkeys transported people and goods quickly.
5. _____ began a vast global exchange that would affect much of the entire world.

II. True or False: Write TRUE or FALSE depending on each proposal.

6. _____ At first the Spanish forced Native Americans to work the plantations.
7. _____ Europeans started forcing enslaved Africans do the work.
8. _____ Plants, animals, and diseases were the only things shared during the Columbian Exchange.
9. _____ The movement of people to different parts of the world led to the transfer of ideas and technologies.
10. _____ Only two places on Earth possess a mixture of cultures.
11. _____ Europeans found a variety of foods that were new to them, including tomatoes, pumpkins, and peppers.
12. _____ When Columbus returned to the Americas from Spain, he brought over 1,200 men and a collection of European animals and plants.