**COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE (late 1400’s)**

During the Age of Exploration, many products and diseases were exchanged between Europe and the Americas. The **Columbian Exchange** was the widespread exchange of animals, plants, culture, human populations, [communicable diseases](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Communicable_diseases), technology and ideas between America (“The New World”) and Europe (“The Old World”) following the voyage to the Americas by [Christopher Columbus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Columbus) in 1492, colonization and trade by Europeans in the Americas, and institution of the slave trade in Africa and the Americas.

***STEP ONE (1):*** On the map on the next page, place the products and diseases listed below into the correct box. For example, horses came from Europe and were given to the Americas, so I would place horses into the box marked “Items That Moved From Europe to the Americas.”

In order to figure out where each produce and disease belongs, research the answers using the Internet and/or your local library.

**PRODUCTS AND DISEASES OF THE COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE**

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| horses tobacco  lumber molasses  potatoes rice  cocoa indigo (blue dye)  cows sugar  corn (maize)  wheat  grapes | diphtheria  hepatitis  typhus  the flu  tuberculosis  syphilis  small pox  measles |

***STEP TWO (2): After you have completed labeling the map, answer the question below…***

1. Which continent(s) ***benefited*** 好处the most from the Columbian Exchange: Europe or the Americas? Explain.

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