

Task

In this webquest you are the researcher gathering material for a book about the Legacy of Columbus. As the researcher, you must compile a report stating both the positive and the negative impact of the Columbian Exchange, and assess how the Columbian Exchange has impacted the societies of Europe, the Americas, and Africa.

In your work, you will examine the motives and impact of European exploration and colonization in Africa, and the Americas. You will also examine the domination of the "gunpowder empires" of the region from the eastern Mediterranean through Asia. You will need to investigate the diverse populations of these regions, and how they changed over time. You will examine the role of trade in creating international connections and its impact on peoples and the environments in which they lived.

Important points that must be considered include: the economic, cultural, and geographic impact of the Columbian Exchange. Explain what life was like before and after the contact with other cultures. In what ways did life improve, and how did it get worse?

Your information will be presented in the form of a research paper of at least two pages in length. Your paper will be typed, double spaced, and have a font no larger than 12 point. You will be assessed both for historical accuracy, and the presentation of the paper in a clear and concise format free from spelling and grammatical errors. Your paper must not reflect plagiarisms, but may contain direct quotes if properly cited.

You will be given time to work on this project in class, and any questions that you may have in the completion of this project can be addressed at that time.

