

Impact of Colonization

European colonization of the Americas changed millions of lives throughout the world. When Europeans and Africans came to the Americas, three cultures were brought together.

- European ships carried plants and animals across the Atlantic Ocean in both directions. People on both sides of the Atlantic encountered goods that they had never seen before.
- As Europeans settled in the Americas, they often forced Native Americans to work for them. Millions of Native Americans died from overwork or disease.
- As the Native American population declined, Europeans began capturing, enslaving, and bringing Africans to the Americas to work as slaves.



A Native Americans were impressed by the horses Spanish soldiers rode. After 1690 Native Americans began raising horses themselves. Horses eventually changed the lives of the Plains Indians.

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Columbian Exchange 1492-1650

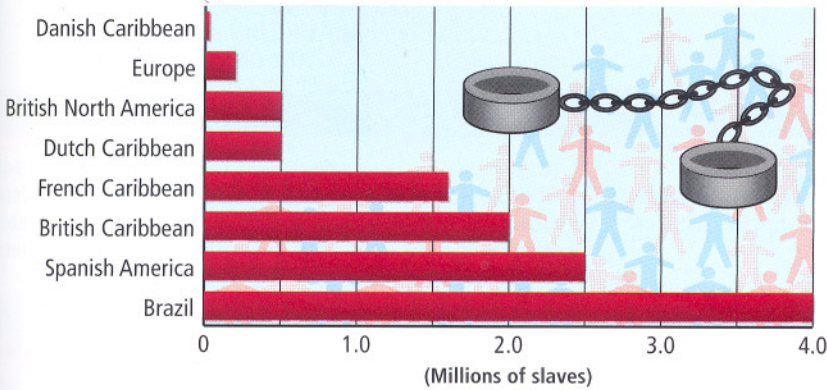
- Fruits and vegetables
- Beans, nuts, and grains
- Flowers
- Other plant products
- Animals
- Insects
- Diseases

Colors show hemisphere of origin.

B Before Columbus established lasting European contact with the Americas, only Native Americans raised corn. Today corn is grown throughout the world. Name three foods that are not originally from the Americas.

POPULATION

Destination of Slaves, 1400s to 1800s



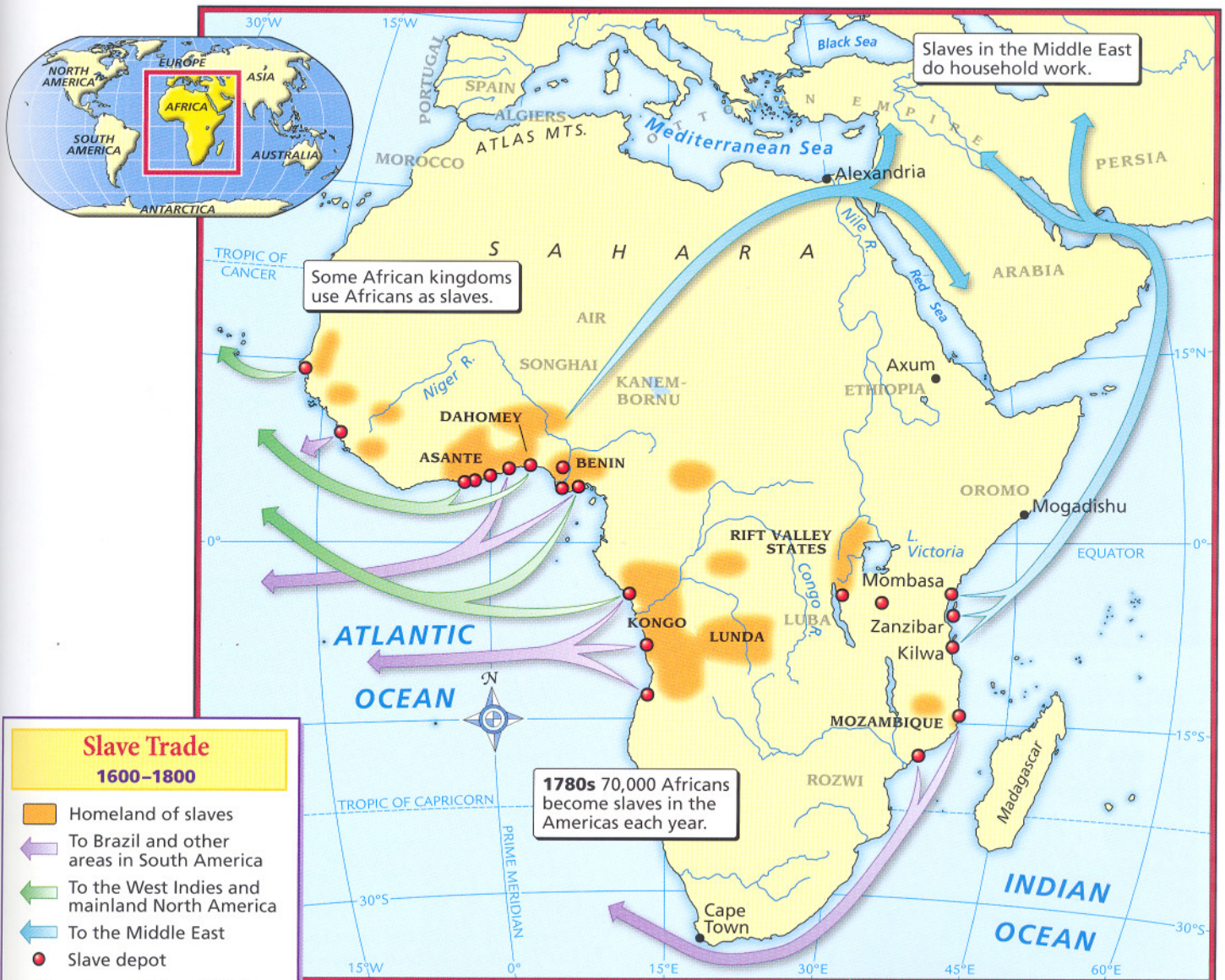
What happened to the original Americans?

Diseases from Africa and Europe, such as smallpox and measles, killed millions of Native Americans, who had no resistance to them. Whole civilizations were destroyed.

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C Nearly 12 million Africans were enslaved and brought to the Americas. They worked mainly on plantations producing sugar, tobacco, and later cotton. No one can be sure how many slaves were sent to the Middle East.

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1780s 70,000 Africans become slaves in the Americas each year.

Slaves in the Middle East do household work.

Some African kingdoms use Africans as slaves.

D Africans were captured and then taken to depots, where they were imprisoned. From the depots, they were sold as slaves and sent far from Africa. Where were enslaved Africans sent?

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