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Unit 5

The Columbian Exchange

Completing a Chart



THE COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENTS in the history of world agriculture, ecology, and culture. The term is used to describe the enormous widespread exchange of agricultural goods and communicable diseases between the Eastern and Western Hemispheres that occurred after 1492. That year, Christopher Columbus' voyage of discovery launched an era of large-scale contact between the Old and the New World that resulted in this ecological revolution: hence the name "Columbian" Exchange.

This exchange of plants and animals transformed European, American, African, and Asian ways of life. Scarcely any society on earth remained unaffected by this global ecological exchange. Since the voyages of Columbus and his successors, no kitchen or garden has ever been the same.

Complete the chart (fill in the arrows) with as many examples as will fit from your reading and notes:

