

World's Together

Starter Activity

Explain what the overall state of West Africa and Europe were like in the mid to late 1400's

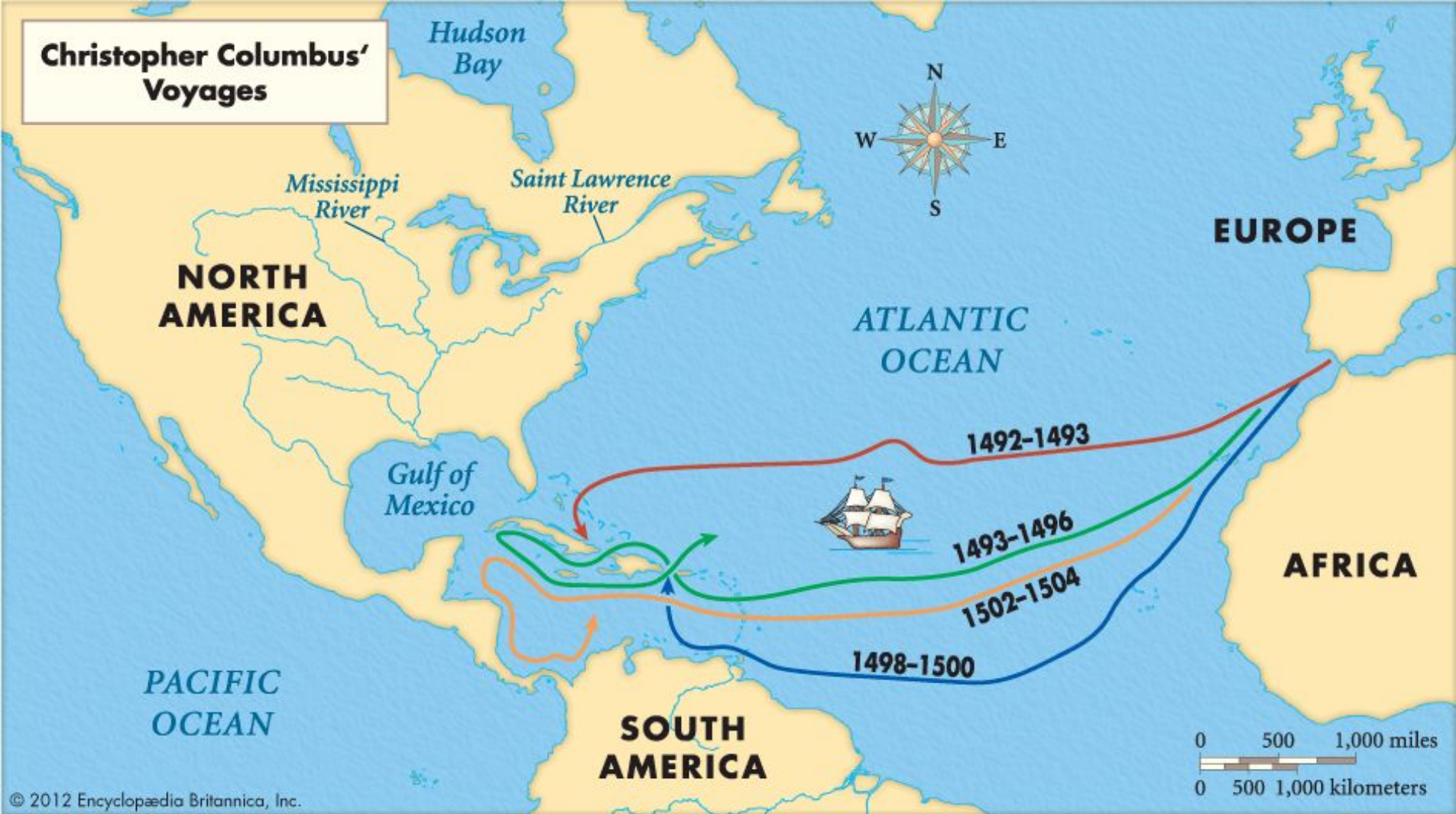
- Societal organization
- Religious practices
- Economic and trade conditions
- Changes occurring during that time

Columbus as a Catalyst

1492 Columbus voyages from Spain

- Spanish ambition and sponsorship.
- Looking for a way to Asia.
- Find land and gold. Spread Christianity.

Christopher Columbus' Voyages



Encounters

Columbus meets the Taino

- No gold, just animals and people.
- Takes plant samples, people, returns to Spain.

Spain thrilled

- Sponsors three more voyages.
- Sends Columbus as a colonizer.

The Columbus Effect

On the Natives

- Disease tears through the population.
- Plantations and colonies are established.
- People are made slaves to work the land.

The Columbus Effect

On Africa

- Dying natives in the New World increases the need for workers.
- African slave trade expands to meet the need.

The Columbus Effect

On Europe

- New opportunities, religious and economic freedom.
- Increased biodiversity.
- Rival nations avoid war (Treaty of Tordesillas).

Homework

On canvas, read “Why study History” article by Peter Stearn and respond to questions.