# Worlds Collide Assessment

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## Step 1: Chart

Complete the chart below. Identify three items or products exchanged on the Columbian Exchange. Be sure to describe the impact of each item or product in at least two complete sentences.

| **Item/Product** | **Place of Origin** | **Impact on the native population in the Americas, European settlers, and/or people in Europe, Africa, or Asia** |
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| 1. Maize | Americas | |  | | --- | | Corn became a staple crop in Europe, Africa, and Asia, increasing food supply and population growth. It also helped sustain enslaved laborers in Africa and fueled economic growth. |  |  | | --- | |  | |
| 1. Horses | Europe | |  | | --- | | Horses revolutionized transportation and hunting for lots of Native tribes, improving mobility and warfare tactics. However, they also raised conflicts between tribes and European settlers. |  |  | | --- | |  | |
| 1. Smallpox | Europe | Smallpox revenged Indigenous populations in the Americas, killing millions due to a lack of immunity. This led to social collapse in many communities and made conquest easier for European settlers. |

## Step 2: Reflect and Explain

Answer each question in a complete paragraph.

1. How are European exploration, settlement, and the Columbian Exchange related events? Include at least one specific country or location from the lesson as an example in your response.

Exploration, settlement, and the Columbian Exchange occur together, with doors opening for settlement through exploration, and settlement providing an opportunity for goods, animals, and disease to be exchanged. Spain’s voyages to America, for instance, under Christopher Columbus, saw colonies such as New Spain form through them. European settlements then developed into trading posts, with European immigrants providing new technology, animals, and produce, and exploiting native workers in the process. The Columbian Exchange then developed, with European goods and disease having a significant impact in America, and Columbian goods such as potatoes and tobacco

1. Why is the development of the Columbian Exchange a significant event in world history? Include at least two specific details from the lesson to support your response.

**The Columbian Exchange is an important episode in world history, having reorganized economies, diets, and societies worldwide. One of its significant consequences included bringing nutritious foods such as potatoes and maize to European diets, and its impact saw agricultural lands and populations expand. Yet another important consequence included the forced migration of millions of African workers to America via transatlantic slavery, powered by European colonies' thirst for workers. Not only did it bridge the Old and New Worlds, but it generated long-term consequences in terms of worldwide trading, cultures, and populations.**