

The Columbian Exchange Quiz:

A Hilariously Historical Adventure!

1. What is the Columbian Exchange?

- A) A fancy new online shopping platform for historical artifacts
- B) The transfer of plants, animals, and diseases between the New World and Old World after Columbus's landing
- C) A Netflix series about Columbus's journey, complete with dramatic reenactments
- D) A new dance move that involves trading corn for wheat

2. Why was Alfred W. Crosby's approach to history considered novel?

- A) He wrote it while riding a horse through the Amazon rainforest
- B) He used an ecological perspective instead of just political and ideological viewpoints
- C) He included a recipe for corn casserole in the book
- D) He claimed that plants could talk and tell their own stories

3. What was one of the major crops that traveled from the New World to the Old World?

- A) Pizza
- B) Maize (corn)
- C) Chocolate chip cookies
- D) Kale, because it's trendy

4. What was the primary domesticated animal in the Old World that gave the Spanish an advantage in battles?

- A) The cat, because they're stealthy
- B) The horse, which also doubles as a mode of transportation for pizza delivery
- C) The llama, known for its spitting prowess
- D) The dog, because they're great at fetching

5. How did smallpox impact the American Indian populations?

- A) It made them immune to all other diseases, like superheroes
- B) It decimated populations, making it easier for Europeans to conquer them
- C) It caused a massive dance-off that led to the invention of breakdancing
- D) It turned them into zombies, leading to the first-ever zombie apocalypse

6. What was one of the challenges American Indians faced compared to Old World farmers?

- A) They couldn't figure out how to make bread without wheat
- B) They had no access to Netflix for educational documentaries
- C) They lacked domesticated animals like horses and cattle
- D) They didn't know how to use social media to promote their crops

7. What was a significant result of the Columbian Exchange on global agriculture?

- A) Everyone started growing avocado toast
- B) The introduction of new crops like maize and potatoes changed diets worldwide
- C) All crops began to compete for the title of “Most Popular Plant”
- D) Farmers started using Instagram to showcase their harvests

8. Which of the following diseases was NOT part of the Columbian Exchange?

A) Smallpox

B) Malaria

C) The common cold

D) The “I-can’t-find-my-keys” syndrome

9. How did the exchange of living organisms impact the economic and social history of the world?

- A) It led to the creation of the first-ever farmer's market
- B) It resulted in the establishment of trade routes and cultural exchanges
- C) It caused a massive increase in the popularity of gardening shows
- D) It made everyone want to start their own food blog

10. What lesson can we learn from the Columbian Exchange?

- A) Always carry hand sanitizer when meeting new friends
- B) History is best understood through the lens of food and animals
- C) Horses are great for battle but even better for Instagram photos
- D) The best way to conquer a civilization is through a bake-off

Best Thing About The Columbian Exchange

5 second response...

Worst Thing About The Columbian Exchange

5 second response...