

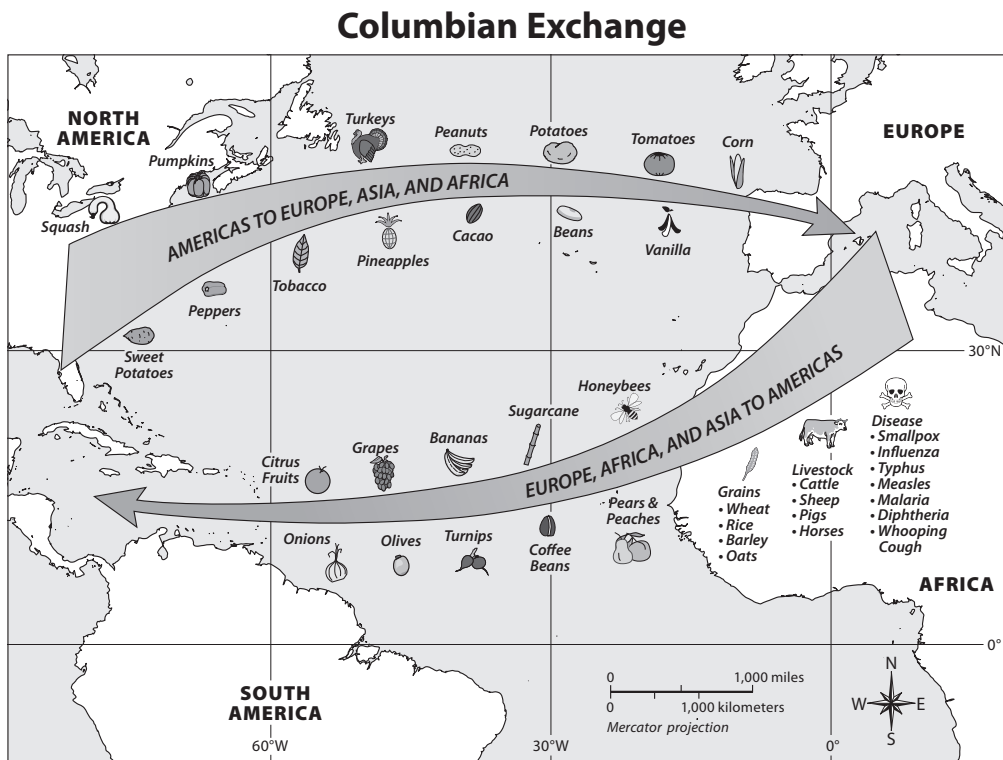
Geography Skills Activity

Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean Islands

Using an Informational Map

Learning the Skill

All maps give information of some type, but they vary widely in what types of information they provide. Most maps are used to find the locations of places. Other maps, however, are used to support texts, to tell a story, and to provide additional information on a particular topic. The map below is meant to be used as an illustration to support the information in your textbook about the Columbian Exchange.



Practicing the Skill

Directions: Study the map and answer the questions.

1. What information does the map provide?

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2. How does the map communicate that movement is taking place?

3. Using only the information on the map, write a short description of the Columbian Exchange.

4. What information is missing from the map?

Applying the Skill

Directions: Draw an informational map. Include a title, simple graphics, and labels to communicate your ideas. Suggested topics include getting to school and back, going grocery shopping, or driving to a favorite family vacation destination or to home and away games of a sports team. You may use one of these suggested topics or choose one of your own.

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners and a double-line border, intended for the student to draw an informational map.