

# TRADE IN THE EARLY WORLD



# *TRADE ROUTES*

- Trade route = a path along which goods are transported from one area to another.

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- Trade routes helped spread raw materials, technologies, manufactured goods, knowledge, and culture.

# MARCO POLO

- Discovered new information about other cultures as the result of trade
- These discoveries made people more interested in other cultures.



# EFFECTS OF TRADE

- Made people more dependent on each other.
- Religion also spread along these trade routes

# ***THE SILK ROAD***

- The Silk Road connected China and Europe
- Around 100BC to 1500's AD

# ***THE SILK ROAD***

- Items traded = Porcelain, silk, ivory, gold, spices, musical instruments, grain, fruit, cloth, herds of horses, and many other things.



# *COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE*

- The exchange of plants, animals, and people between Europe and the Americas
- Began when Columbus returned to Spain in 1493

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- Sparked the migration of people from Europe to the Americas

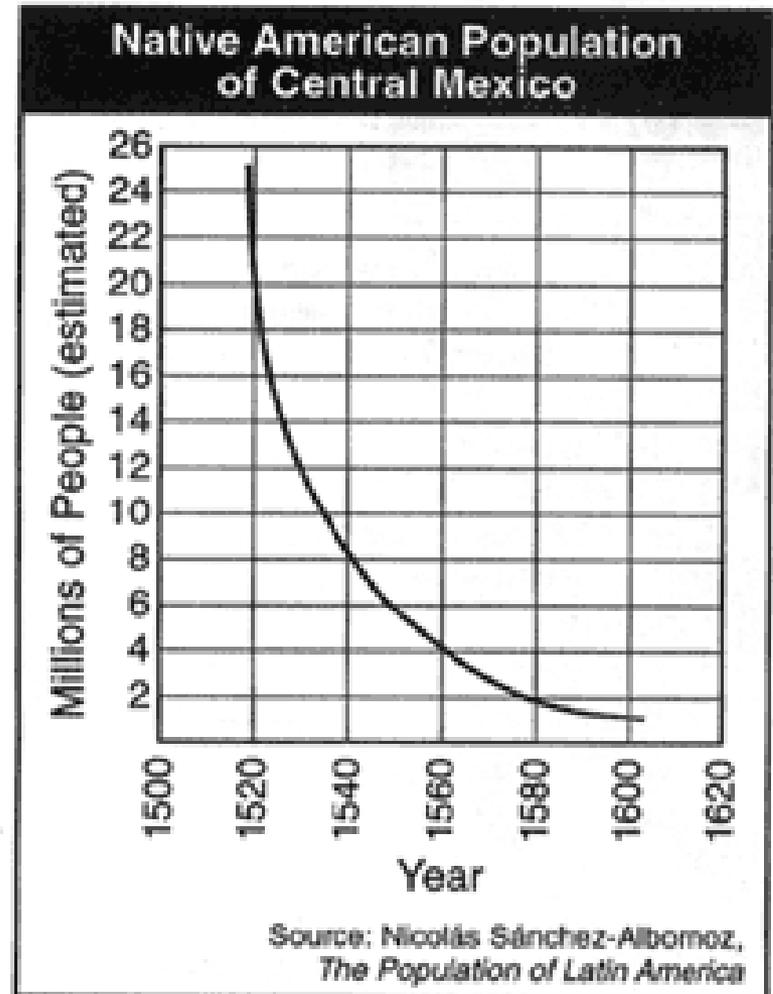
# COUNTRIES THAT COLONIZED THE AMERICAS

- Great Britain
- France
- Spain
- Portugal



# DISEASE

- Spread new European diseases to Native American populations greatly decreasing those populations.



# NATIVE AMERICANS

- While these natives were sometimes viewed as savages by the Europeans, native cultures were already developed before Columbus



# NATIVE AMERICANS

- Aztecs, Incas, Mayans, and many Native American groups had economic centers, polytheistic faiths, and thriving cultures.
- A lot of these cultural traits were lost when the populations of these people were diminished.

# EFFECTS OF TRADE

- The exchange of new products and ideas prompted economic growth in Europe

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- Cities located near water became important centers of trade and centers of technological advancements.

# CONSTANTINOPLE

- Important City
- Strategic location
- Located on key trade routes that linked Eastern Europe and Asia
- People wanted to control it because it was a wealthy and powerful city (Byzantine Empire & Ottoman Empire)

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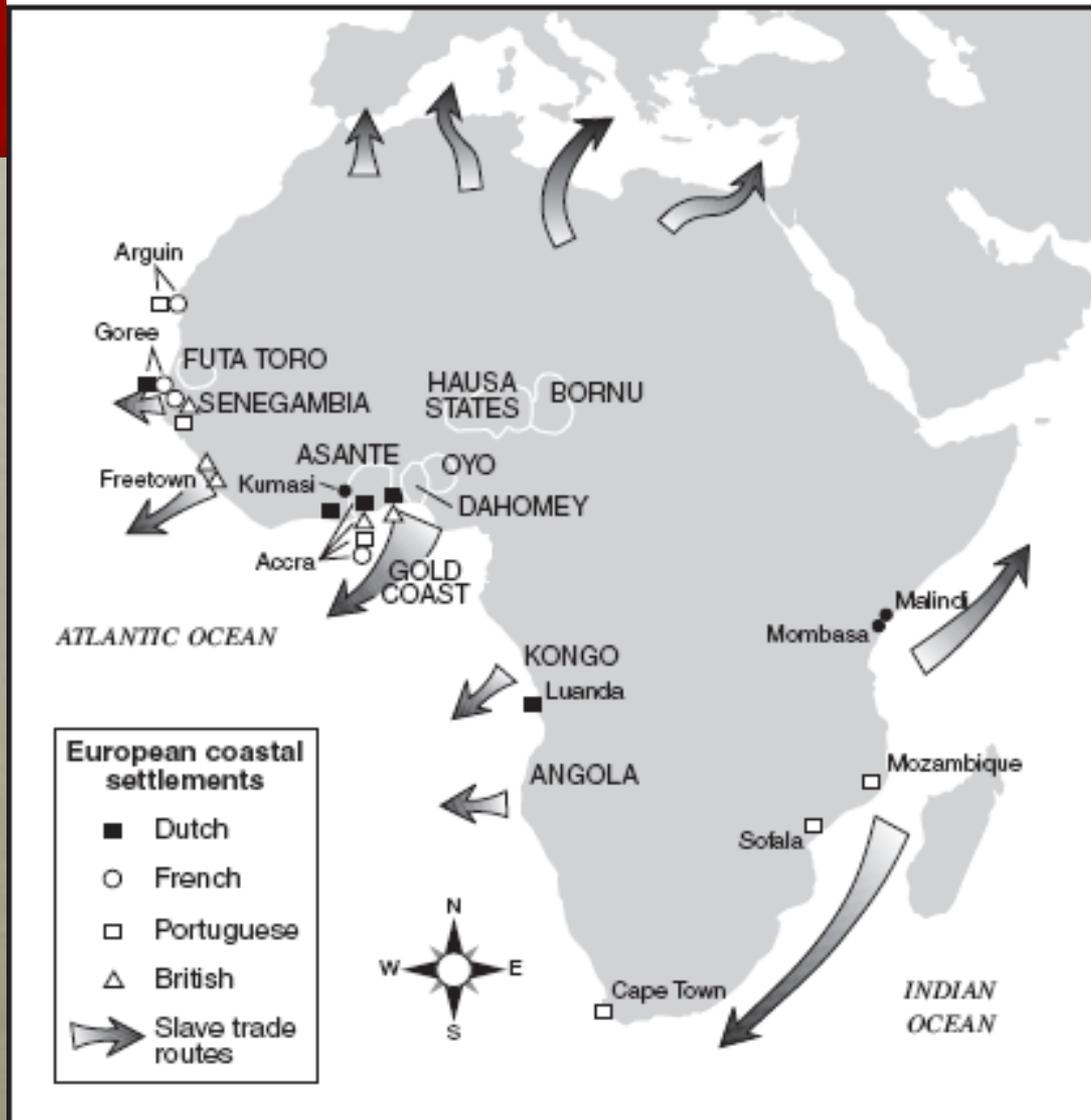
# ***THE SLAVE TRADE***

- Triangular Trade – the Atlantic slave route that linked Europe, Africa, and the Americas

# THE SLAVE TRADE



# African Slave Trade



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