



# Columbian Exchange

# European Empires in the Americas



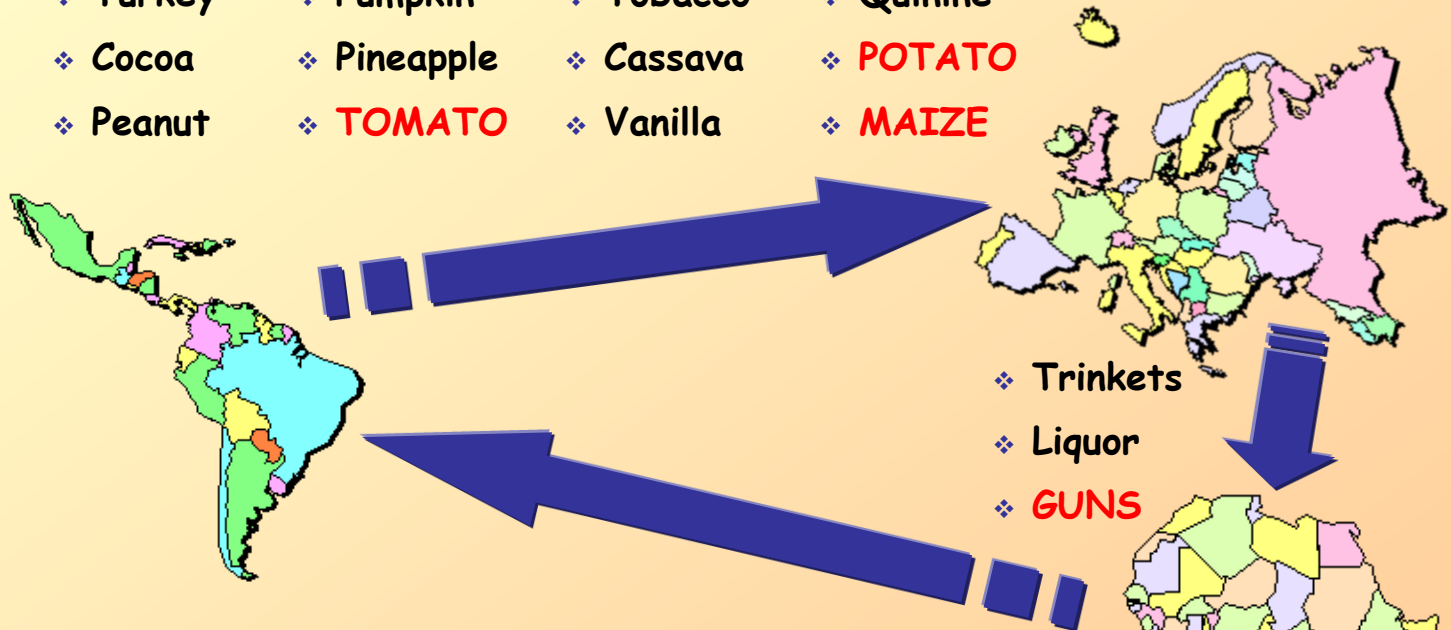
# What is the “Columbian Exchange”

- Global exchange that began with Columbus because of the products he brought back from the “new world”
- Helped spark a population growth because of the dispersal of new food crops
- Sparked the migration of people to the new world for new life and opportunities
- Corn and Potatoes became very important items.



# The "Columbian Exchange"

- ❖ Squash
- ❖ Turkey
- ❖ Cocoa
- ❖ Peanut
- ❖ Avocado
- ❖ Pumpkin
- ❖ Pineapple
- ❖ **TOMATO**
- ❖ Peppers
- ❖ Tobacco
- ❖ Cassava
- ❖ Vanilla
- ❖ Sweet Potatoes
- ❖ Quinine
- ❖ **POTATO**
- ❖ **MAIZE**

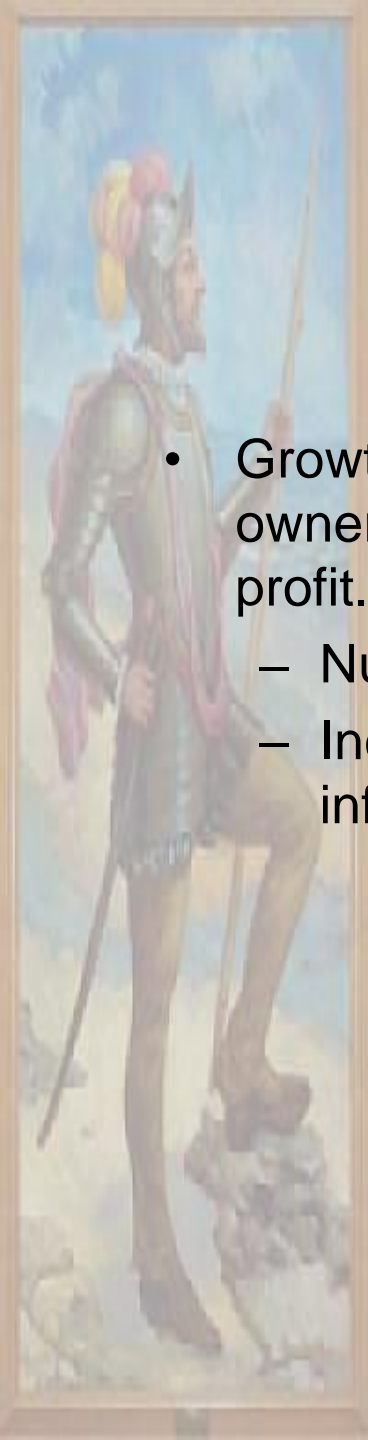


- ❖ Trinkets
- ❖ Liquor
- ❖ **GUNS**

- ❖ Olive
- ❖ Onion
- ❖ Grape
- ❖ Citrus Fruits
- ❖ Cattle
- ❖ Flu
- ❖ Diphtheria
- ❖ **COFFEE BEAN**
- ❖ Turnip
- ❖ Peach
- ❖ Pear
- ❖ Sheep
- ❖ Typhus
- ❖ Whooping Cough
- ❖ Banana
- ❖ Honeybee
- ❖ **SUGAR CANE**
- ❖ Wheat
- ❖ Pigs
- ❖ Measles
- ❖ Rice
- ❖ Barley
- ❖ Oats
- ❖ **HORSE**
- ❖ Smallpox
- ❖ Malaria

# Global Trade

- Growth of capitalism- an economic system based on private ownership and the investment of resources, such as money for profit.
  - Numerous merchants had gained wealth.
  - Increased economic activity and increased money supply = inflation (prices go up).



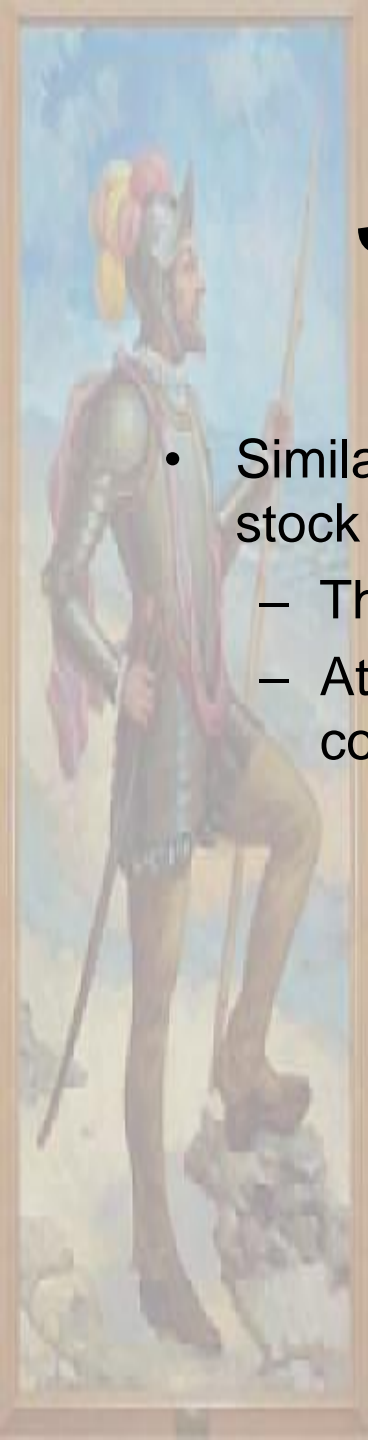
# Vocabulary

- Columbian Exchange
- Mercantilism



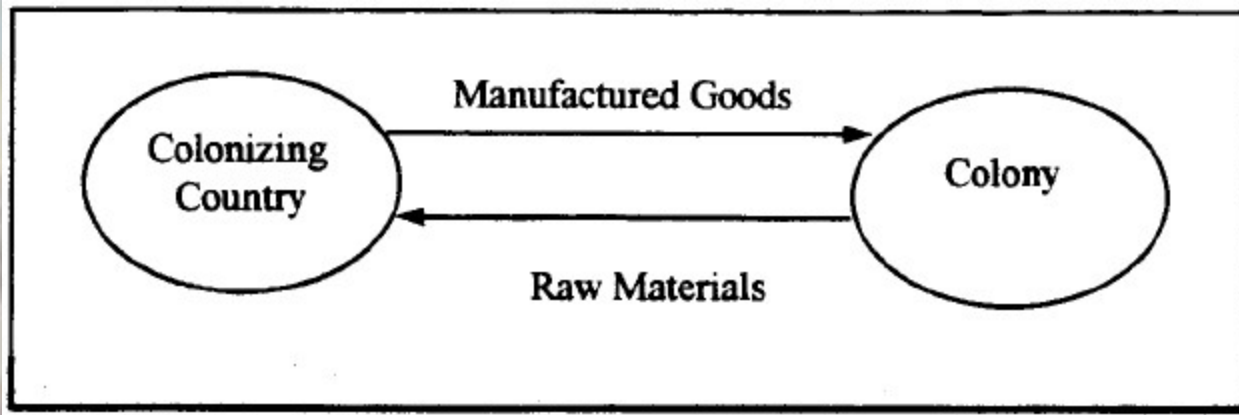
# Joint-Stock Companies

- Similar to a modern day corporation, investors buy shares of a stock in a company.
  - The people combine their wealth for a common purpose.
  - At the time overseas exploration and colonization was the common purpose.



# Mercantilism

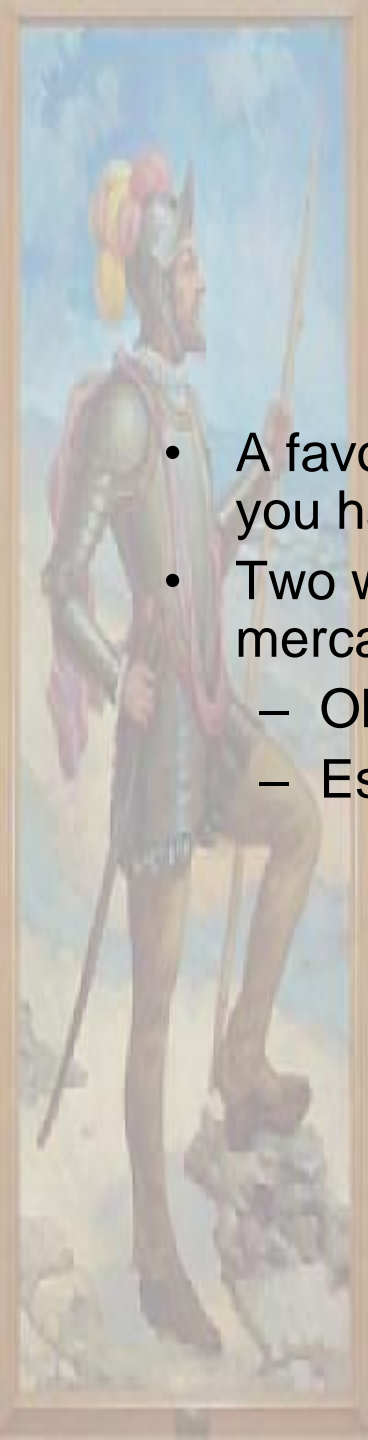
- An economic policy under which nations sought to increase their wealth and power.
- The colonies provided gold, silver and raw materials, while the mother country sold manufactured goods back to the colonists.





# Balance of Trade


- A favorable balance of trade is to sell (export) more goods than you have (imports).
- Two ways to increase wealth and power according to the mercantilist system were:
  - Obtain as much gold and silver as possible
  - Establish a favorable balance of trade



# Impact of European Expansion

1. Native populations ravaged by disease.
2. Africans began to be transported to the America's to be sold as slaves.
3. Influx of gold, and especially silver, into Europe created an inflationary economic climate.  
["Price Revolution"]



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4. New products introduced across the continents ["Columbian Exchange"].
  5. Deepened colonial rivalries.
  6. The English created a favorable balance of trade.
  7. Advances in sailing were made.
  8. New cultures were explored and studied.