



Age of Contact

Timeline Cards

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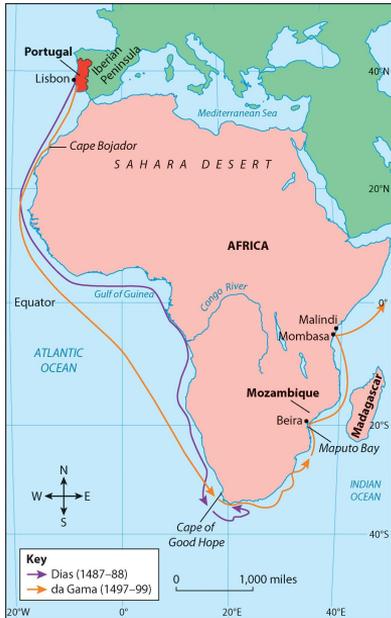
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CHAPTER 1: European Exploration

The expeditions of Bartolomeu Dias and Vasco da Gama during the 1480s–90s CE opened trade routes along the African Coast for the Portuguese.



Framing Question: How did European interests and rivalries shape trade and colonization?



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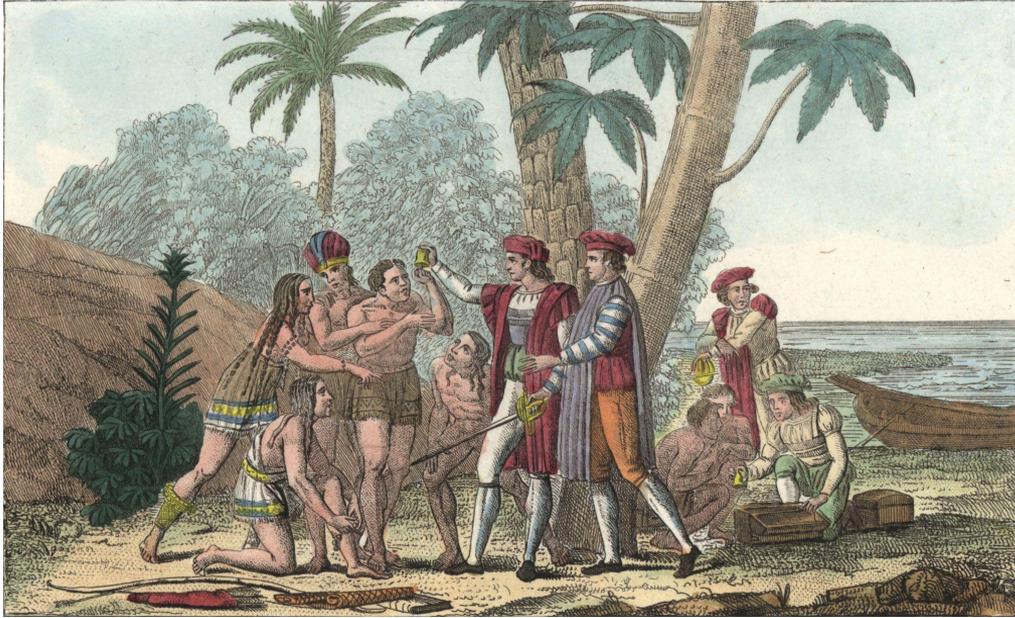
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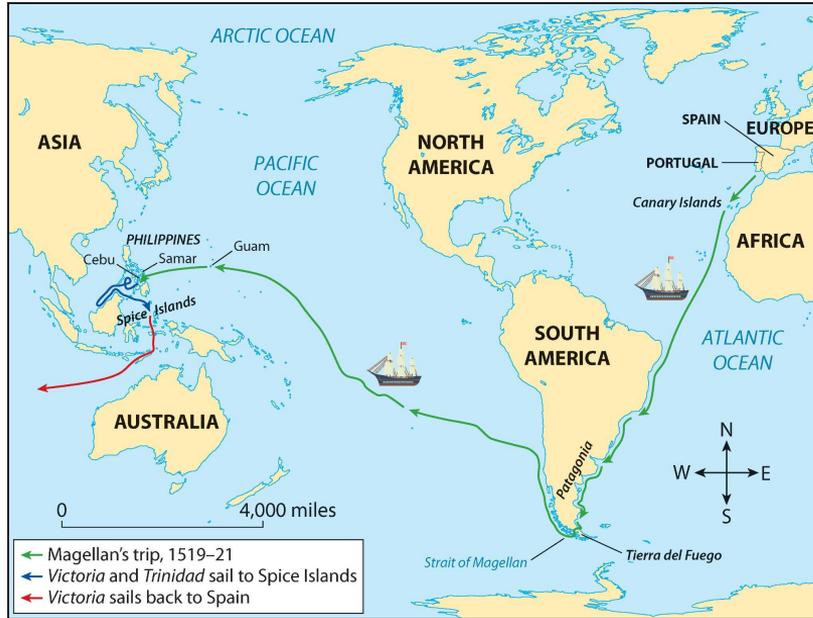


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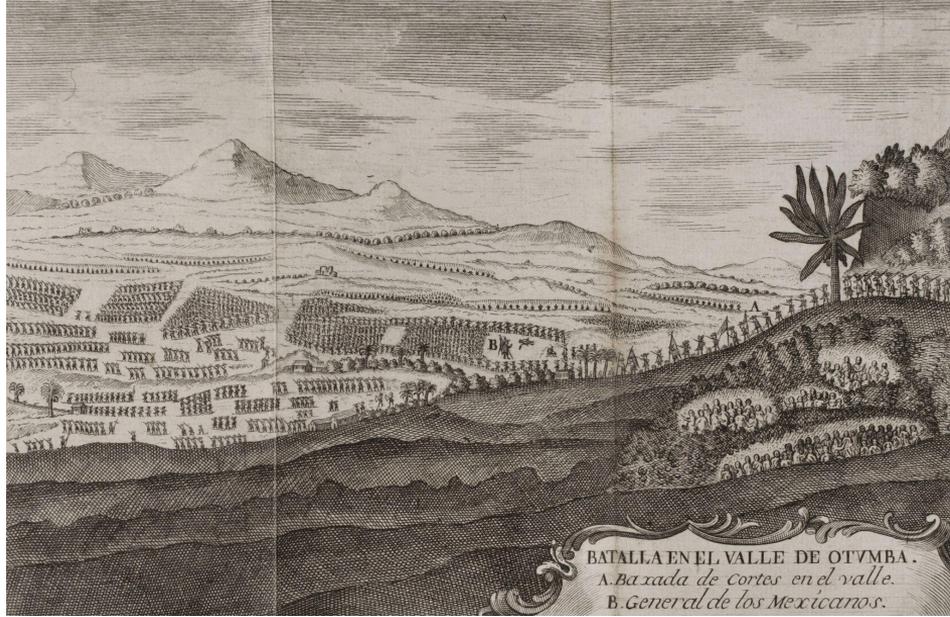


During the 1500s CE, expeditions led by Giovanni da Verrazzano, Jacques Cartier, and Henry Hudson explored the eastern coast of North America.

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CHAPTER 2: Colonization of the Americas



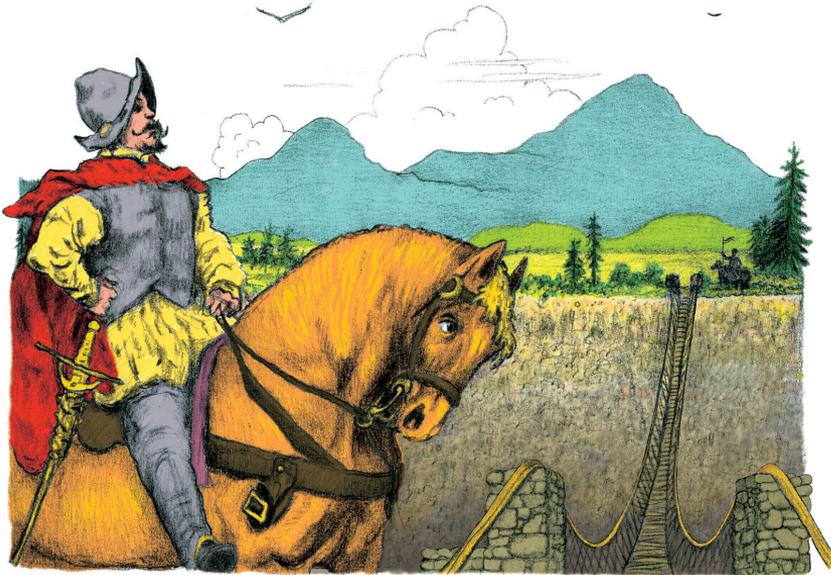
Between 1519–1521 CE, Hernán Cortés conquered the Aztec in Central Mexico.

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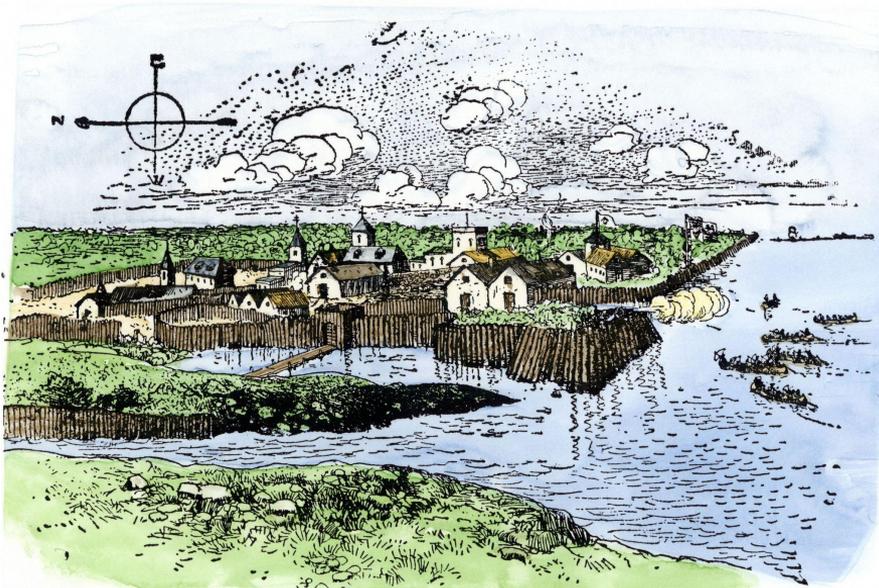


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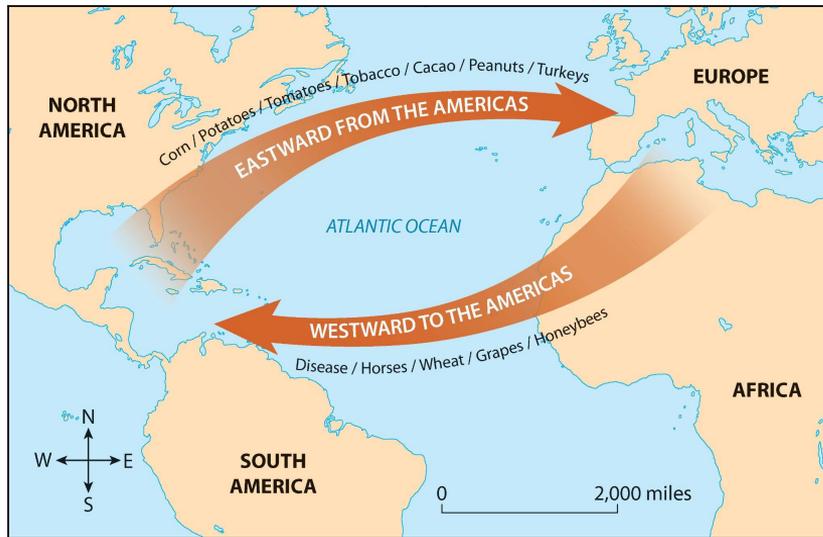
JAMESTOWN IN 1622.

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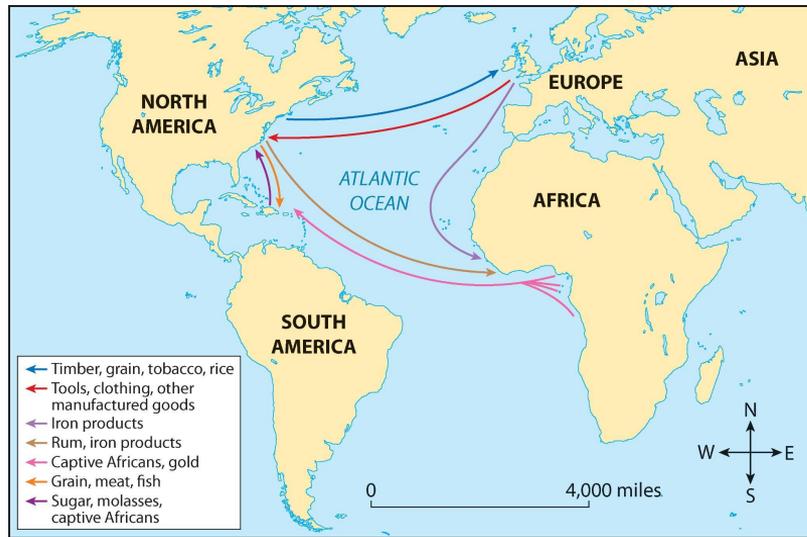


After 1492 CE, the Columbian Exchange involved the transfer of goods, ideas, plants, animals, and diseases between the Americas and the rest of the world.

Framing Question: What were the consequences of the Columbian Exchange and the slave trade?



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From the 1500s to 1800s CE, the triangular trade's Middle Passage brought enslaved Africans to the Americas.

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