

COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE ACTIVITY

FROM THE READING:

1. Explain the statement “Columbus didn’t discover America”.
2. What DID he do, then?
3. What were some items that were brought to the Americas (the New World) from Europe?
4. What were some items brought to Europe (the Old World) from the Americas?
5. Explain the process by which food crops spread from place to place.
6. Why is 1492 a crucial date in the history of the world’s food supply?

FROM THE WEB PAGE: (<http://horizon.nmsu.edu/garden/history/welcome.html>)

1. What colors were carrots, originally? And where did they originate?
2. How many seeds are produced in one sunflower head ? Originated where?
3. Do you eat squash the same way the Indians did? How do you know?
4. What 2 vegetables were Europeans afraid to eat, and why?
5. What is the easiest way to grow a pineapple?
6. Legume is another word for what food? Originated where?
7. Why did slaves bring peanuts on board the slave ships?
8. Was chocolate always sweet? Originated where?

9. What is capsaicin?

10. What is George Washington Carver famous for, food-wise?

11. What are gourds used for?

12. What vegetable is also called gumbo? Originated where?

13. What vegetable that we usually think of as Italian actually originated in India and China?

14. Why/how does corn pop?

15. How did white potatoes come to North America?

16. Explain the irony of Turkey Red Wheat.