**THE COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE**

*Directions: Read and annotate* the article, “The Columbian Exchange,” answer the six review questions below, and then prepare for a Socratic Seminar discussion of the question, “**How did the Columbian Exchange impact Old World and New World populations, and was that impact positive or negative?**”

1. Approximately how many Native Americans died from new diseases brought by Europeans? Why were these diseases so deadly to them?

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2. Having domesticated animals is generally seen as an advantage for the Europeans. In what way did keeping domesticated animals harm Europeans?

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3. What do you think was the deadliest weapon of the Europeans and why?

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4. How did La Salle’s observations differ from De Soto’s? Why?

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5. What foods only existed in the Americas, not Europe, before 1492? Did this surprise you? Why?

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6. Without understanding the role of disease in their success, how did European settlers interpret and understand the fact that wherever they went, the Natives died off?

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