Paper Assignment 1: The Columbian Exchange

Length: 3 to 5 pages, double-spaced in a plain 12-point font

Due: Thursday, Feb. 25
   - Hardcopy in class with grading sheet on reverse attached
   - Electronic copy to Turnitin.com
     - Class ID #:
     - Class password: ____________

Write a paper about one of the following items involved in the Columbian exchange from about 1500 to 1900: coffee, sugar, potatoes, chocolate, tobacco, or another crop or animal of your choosing. Do research in *The World that Trade Created* and at least two library books or full-text database articles. Many books are on reserve at the Lehman Library circulation desk. **No internet sources are allowed except for library databases.**

When you write: 1) Develop a thesis that explains *why* this item spread globally. Your thesis should answer the question: *Why* did people want to produce and consume this item? 2) Defend your thesis by describing the spread of the production and consumption of the item, and explaining *why* it became important globally.

**Quotations** or ideas that you take from your sources should be acknowledged with properly formatted MLA in-text citations and bibliography. Failure to acknowledge the source of a quote or an idea is plagiarism. **Flagrant cases of plagiarism may result in a grade of “F” for the class.** To avoid plagiarism:
   - Place quotation marks around the words of another author. A good rule of thumb is to use quotation marks when you directly quote 4 or more words in a row.
   - Always cite **words** or **ideas** that you have taken from another author.
   - Do not copy another student’s paper. Allowing another student to copy your paper will be considered a case of academic dishonesty, and will carry the same penalties as plagiarism.

You will be graded on 1) the content of the paper and 2) the quality of your writing mechanics. See the grading sheet on the reverse for more information on how the paper will be evaluated. **Your grade will be reduced because of deficiencies in grammar, spelling, punctuation, organization, readability, and citations.**

**Effective writing is a five process: 1) research and note taking, 2) brainstorming, 3) outlining, 4) writing and 5) revision.** Notice that the actual writing of the paper is only one part of the process. The foundation of a good paper is thorough research notes. Keeping in mind what you have learned from research, jot down ideas that you think are important. Next, you should outline your ideas more carefully. After writing at least one rough draft, you should read it critically, refine your ideas and correct grammar, spelling, etc. Two or more rough drafts often are necessary.

I'm not a very good writer, but I'm an excellent rewriter. ~James Michener (1907-97), PA native
Grading sheet (Attach to paper)

Name ________________________________________

Grade ______

**Content**
Research: ____________________________ Excellent Good Fair Poor
Describes spread of production: ___________ Excellent Good Fair Poor
Describes spread of consumption: ___________ Excellent Good Fair Poor
Explains why production & consumption spread (thesis): ___________ Excellent Good Fair Poor

**Writing Mechanics**
Clarity of writing: ____________________________ Excellent Good Fair Poor
Organization: ____________________________ Excellent Good Fair Poor
Grammar/word usage: ___________ Excellent Good Fair Poor
Spelling/capitalization: ___________ Excellent Good Fair Poor
Punctuation: ___________ Excellent Good Fair Poor

**MLA Citations and Bibliography**
MLA Citations: ___________ Excellent Good Fair Poor Missing
MLA Bibliography: ___________ Excellent Good Fair Poor Missing

**Comments**
____ Good job!
____ Interesting ideas
____ Sloppy
____ Need to think more clearly about your writing
____ New paragraph needed

**Correction Symbols Used in Grading Papers**

- agr wrong agreement (noun-verb or noun-noun)
- awk awkward sentence
- cit citation needed
- frag sentence fragment (usually a sentence that lacks a verb)
- org organization problems
- redun redundant (using different words to say the same thing more than once)
- rep repetitious use of the same word
- run-on run-on sentence
- sp wrong spelling
- trans poor transition (between sentences or paragraphs)
- tn wrong verb tense
- unc unclear phrase, sentence, or paragraph
- wf wrong grammatical form of word
- ww wrong word usage
- ¶ new paragraph needed
HIS 106 Reserve Books at Lehman Library Circulation Desk

Author: Crosby, Alfred W.
Title: The Columbian exchange; biological and cultural consequences of 1492
Publisher: Westport, Conn., Greenwood Pub. Co. [1972]
Call Number: E98.D6 C7

Author: Crosby, Alfred W.
Title: Ecological imperialism: the biological expansion of Europe, 900-1900
Publisher: Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press, 1986.
Call Number: GF50 .C76 1986

Main Author: Fernandez-Armesto, Felipe.
Title: Near a thousand tables: a history of food /
Call Number: TX353 .F437 2002

Author(s): Flandrin, Jean Louis, Montanari, Massimo, and Sonnenfeld, Albert.
Title: Food: A culinary history from Antiquity to the present
Call Number: TX353 .H52513 1999

Editors: Foster, Nelson and Cordell, Linda S.
Title: Chilies to chocolate: food the Americas gave the world
Call Number: SB176.A48 C45 1992

Author: Gately, Iain.
Title: Tobacco: A Cultural History of How an Exotic Plant Seduced Civilization.
Call Number: SB273 .G29 2002

Author: Hawkes, J. G.
Title: The potato: evolution, biodiversity and genetic resources
Call Number: SB211.P8 H3 1990x

Main Author: Kiple, Kenneth F.
Title: A movable feast: ten millennia of food globalization
Call Number: TX353 .K55 2007

Editors: Kenneth F. Kiple and Kriemhild Ornelas
Title: The Cambridge world history of food
Call Number: TX353 .C255 2000
Author: Mintz, Sidney Wilfred
Title: Sweetness and power: the place of sugar in modern history
Call Number: GT2869 .M56 1986

Author: Root, Waverley
Title: Eating in America: a history /
Call Number: TX353 .R64 1981

Author: Salaman, Redcliffe N.
Title: The history and social influence of the potato.
Call Number: SB211.P8 S255 1970

Author: Schivelbusch, Wolfgang
Title: Tastes of paradise: a social history of spices, stimulants, and intoxicants
Call Number: GT2880 .S3613 1993

Author: Young, Allen M.
Title: The chocolate tree: a natural history of cacao
Call Number: SB268.C35 Y68 1994

Reference Books, Library Main Level

Title: Encyclopedia of food and culture / Solomon H. Katz, editor
Call Number: GT2850 .E53 2003

Main Author: Davidson, Alan,
Title: The Penguin companion to food /
Call Number: TX349 .D37 2002