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Trading Worlds

Directions: Read each sentence below and fill in the blank with the correct word or phrase to complete the fact. Use your knowledge of the Columbian Exchange, trade goods, and early European settlements to help you.

1. The **Columbian Exchange** was the trading of plants, animals, and ideas between _____ and the _____ after 1492.
2. European explorers first sailed across the _____ **Ocean** to reach the Americas.
3. The main goal of early explorers was to find new _____ **routes** to Asia for spices and silk.
4. From the New World, Europeans received crops like _____, _____, and **chocolate**.
5. From the Old World, the Americas received animals like _____ and _____.
6. Early European settlements were often built near _____ so ships could trade goods easily.
7. The exchange also brought diseases like _____ that harmed Indigenous populations.
8. One reason European countries started colonies was to gain more _____ and power.
9. Crops such as _____ and **sugarcane** were grown on large plantations and traded back to Europe.
10. Indigenous peoples taught settlers how to grow _____, which helped them survive their first winters.