








C The exchange of plants and animals provided new flavors, more varied diets, and improved health to both sides of the Atlantic. But new diseases caused the death of millions of people with no natural immunity (see graph D on page 17).

THE COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE
1492 - 1650

-  To the Americas
-  To Europe, Africa, and Asia
-  Fruits and vegetables
-  Beans, nuts, and grasses
-  Other plant products
-  Livestock
-  Diseases

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Slavery in the Americas

More than 11 million Africans were sold into slavery in the Americas. Most were put to work on plantations in the West Indies and Brazil.

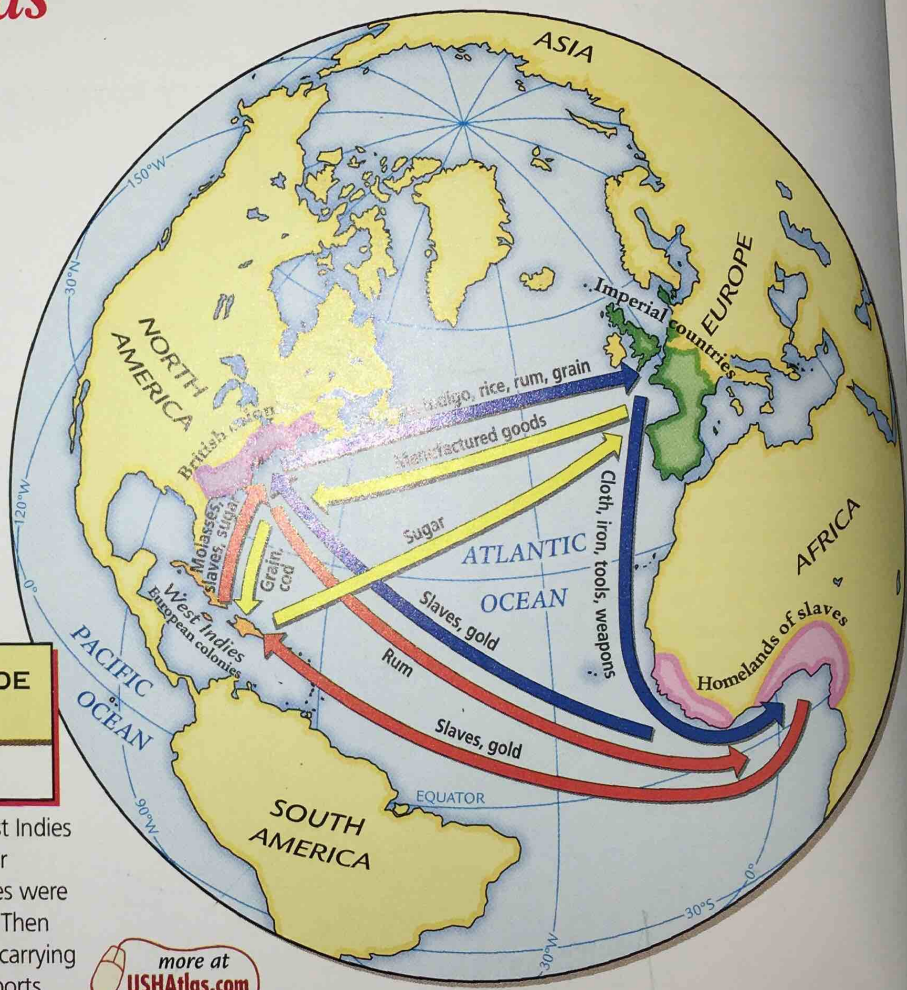
- ★ In North America, the Southern Colonies copied the plantation system, which relied on slave labor.
- ★ By 1760 slaves were held in all 13 colonies, but slavery remained concentrated on plantations and in large cities.
- ★ Although far outnumbered by slaves, many people of African descent gained their freedom and continued to live in the colonies.

TRIANGLES OF TRADE
1505-1770

★ Trade route

A Ships sailed to Africa or the West Indies to trade manufactured goods for enslaved Africans. Next the slaves were taken to ports near plantations. Then ships completed their routes by carrying plantation crops to their home ports.

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B Slaves on plantations dug pits for planting sugar cane and later harvested it with large knives. Then they crushed and boiled the cane in mills where temperatures reached 140°F. Millions died after leading short lives of brutal labor.

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SUGAR AND SLAVERY 1505-1763

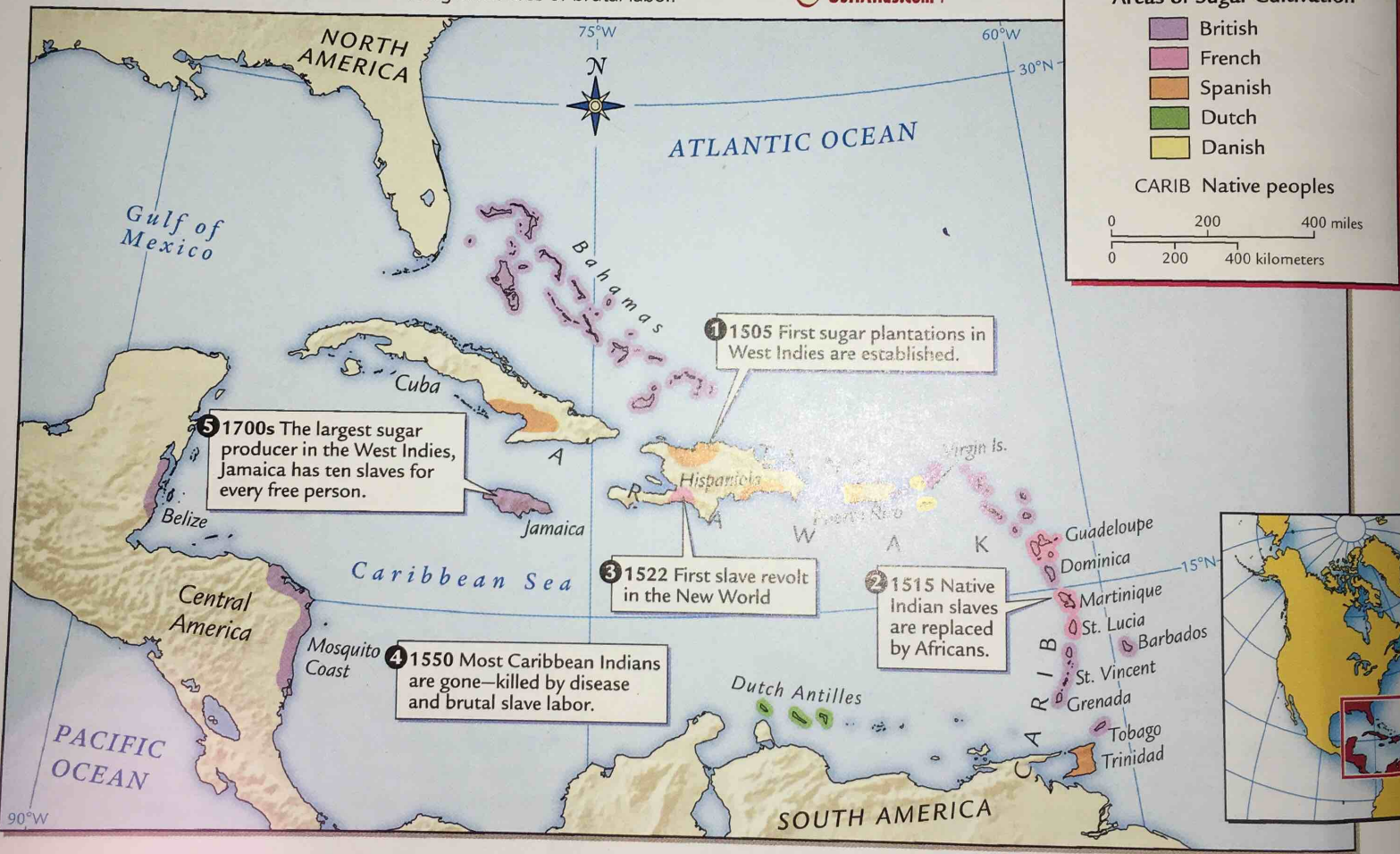
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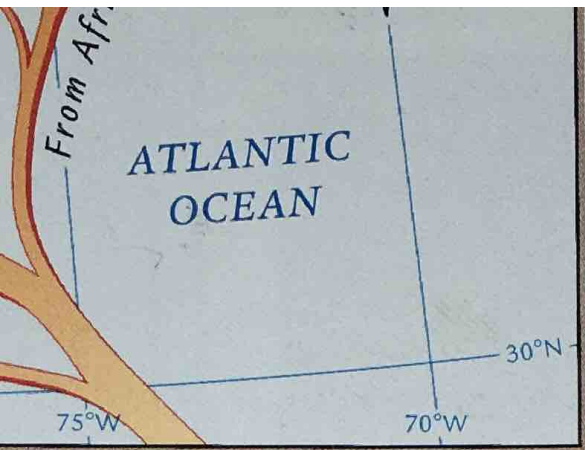
Areas of Sugar Cultivation

- British
- French
- Spanish
- Dutch
- Danish

CARIB Native peoples

0 200 400 miles
0 200 400 kilometers





E Slave ships carried nearly 13 million people across the Atlantic Ocean. One in eight died during the terrible journey.

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DESTINATIONS OF ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE



Slave trade mid-1400s to mid-1800s

