

PREWRITING: COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE

Purpose

Prepare to create a written argument by developing your claim and gathering supporting evidence.

Process

If your teacher asks you to, analyze the [DBQ Sources](#) before you complete this activity.

Prompt: How did the Columbian Exchange transform the Americas from c. 1500 to 1750 CE?

1. Write a response to the prompt, using your own words.

2. Using your understanding of the content from this unit and your analysis of the prompt, write a claim.

3. Ask yourself the following questions as you review your claim:

- Does my claim make an argument?
- Does my claim take a position that requires defending?
- Is my claim focused and precise?
- Does my claim answer the question, So what?
- Does my claim reference the evidence I will use to support my argument?