Triangular trade Notes

* Before Columbus landed in the New World there was somewhere between 50 to 100 million indigenous people in the Americas.
	+ Due to European guns, steel, horses, and especially DISEASES their population dropped to around 2.1-7 million people.
* European countries sent explorers to look for GOLD and other valuable resources that would make them rich.
	+ Sugar and tobacco became two major cash crops grown in the region and required a large supply of workers.
	+ Since most Native Americans that were used for labor died due to new diseases, Europeans turned to Africa. ​
		- Africans were from the Old World so they had already been exposed to European diseases, Africans knew how to farm, and Africans were unfamiliar with the land.
* Triangular trade was the three-stage pattern of trade that carried goods and enslaved people between Europe, Africa, and the Americas.
* Most Enslaved Africans were shipped to the Caribbean and Brazil.