Activity 1: Columbian Exchange

Instructions: We will complete the chart below as a class. Before we do, select which Columbian Exchange crop you believe had the great impact on World History. Be prepared to defend your claims in the course of class discussion.

Columbian	Area of Origin	Original use and	Current use and
Exchange Crop		short-term impact	long-term impact
Maize (Corn)	Mexico	food for people and	corn syrup
		animals	sweetener, animal
			feed, food for
			people, and bio-fuel
Cotton	Mexico, Andes,	clothing	clothing
	West Africa, India		
Potatoes	Andes	food for people and	food for people and
		animals	animals
Tobacco	Americas	hallucinogenic,	stimulant, hunger
		stimulant, hunger	suppressant, nasal
		suppressant, nasal	desensitizer
		desensitizer	
Sugar Cane	Southeast Asia	sweetener, liquor	sweetener, liquor,
			bio-fuel