The Colombian Exchange
(Recommended for grades 4-7)

The Columbian Exchange was a crossroads that merged New World European explorers with Old World indigenous people. The exchange exposed the groups to the other’s technologies, customs, beliefs, both religious and cultural, while it also allowed the exchange of ideas between Old World and New World inhabitants.

Using what you know about the Colombian Exchange, fill in the blank next to each term listed below as to whether or not it came from the New World or Old World.

Gold ______________________  Guns ______________________

Farming ____________________  Pigs ______________________

Corn ______________________  Chicken Pox ________________

Alphabet ____________________  Rice ______________________

Christianity __________________  Silver __________________

Turkeys ______________________  Sheep ______________________

Horses ______________________  Colonists __________________

Coffee ______________________  Pumpkins ________________

Clover ______________________  Rubber ____________________