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- Since Columbus, numerous Europeans came out to North America and exchanged items with the Indians
- Europeans gave guns, steel knives, horses, cattle, sugar-cane, oranges, alphabet, Christianity, etc.
- Indians gave potatoes, maize, turkeys, fur, labor, and guinea pigs, etc.
- Diseases were exchanged, too. Europeans gave smallpox and the flu, while Indians gave polio and hepatitis
- Indians mostly lacked immunity, or protection, from these illnesses so they suffered from them

