

# The Discovery of the Americas

By: Jason Calle

The Discovery of the Americas was an important turning point in world history for many reasons. Four of the main reasons are about 1) Europe and America traded new foods, 2) The Slave Trade started, 3) There was new diseases transmitted from the Europeans to the Africans, and 4) Christopher Columbus was the first to see that the world was round.

The first reason why the Discovery of the Americas was important was because Europe and America began to trade new foods. Some of the foods that the Native Americans traded were tomatoes, potatoes, turkeys and corn to the Europeans. Some of the foods that the Europeans traded were onions, olives, turnips, coffee beans, peaches, and pears. The new foods that America and Europe traded both changed the economies of Europe and America.

The second reason why the Discovery is a turning point is that the Slave Trade started. In Africa, many of the people were taken from their homes. The Europeans used the captives to do work for them. Since then, the Europeans heard about the New World. So they decided to put the captives in ships and ship them to the New World. The slaves had to go on a difficult passage called the Middle Passage. When the ship arrived at the New World slave owners used slaves to do the hard work.

Additionally, there were new diseases such as Measles and Smallpox that were transmitted from the Europeans to the Africans that went to the New World. These diseases were the reason why many slaves in the ship died during the Middle Passage. The slaves that did make it to the New World brought these diseases with them and it affected a couple of people. These diseases were spreading across.

Finally, the discovery of the Americas was important because Christopher Columbus was the first to see that the world was round. When Christopher Columbus told everyone about it, it was a great experience for everyone to know. The discovery was important because it was now safe for people to travel across the water. Last, Christopher Columbus was a very famous person to do this work.

The Discovery of the Americas was an important turning point in world history for many reasons. Each reason explains about the changes that happened when the New World was discovered. It also explains about the changes that happened in the Old World.