Age of Colonization Vocabulary

* Colonization was a bi-product of the Age of Exploration. Once European nations realized the wealth of newly explored territories, it became the mission of many European nations to claim the land as their own.

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| Monopoly | The sole possession or control of the supply or trade of a resource or service. |
| Colonialism | The policy or practice of acquiring full or partial political control over another country, occupying it with settlers, and exploiting it economically. |
| Globalization | A process by which regional economies, societies, and cultures have become integrated through a global network of communication, transportation and trade. |
| White Man’s Burden | The supposed responsibility of the white race to provide care for their non-white subjects. |
| Indigenous | Originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native. |
| Imperialism | A policy of extending a country’s power and influence through government or military force. |
| Interdependence | People and/or businesses depending on or helping each other. |
| Exploitation | To use something, especially for profit. During colonization, the act of benefitting from the resources of another country. |
| Transatlantic Slave Trade | Brought thousands of native Africans to North America to work as indentured servants on large farms. |
| Triangular Trade Route | A massive trading system set up between Europe, Africa and the Americas. Africa provided slaves to the Americas. North America sent crops and furs to Europe. Europe provided finished products to North America and Africa – creating a triangular trade route. |
| Middle Passage | The journey made by slaves from Africa to North America on ships with squalid (miserable) conditions. |
| Natural Resources | The natural wealth of a country consisting of land, forests, mineral deposits, water, etc….. |
| Encomienda System | A grant from the king to colonial settlers. It allowed them to demand labor and feudal dues from natives. A forced labor system. |
| Mercantilism | Colonies supply raw materials to European powers who use the raw materials to produce and export finished goods. |