

THE COLUMBIAN EXCHANGE

Who Had It First - Pueblo or Spanish?



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The Columbian Exchange is the trade of plants, animals, and ideas between Native Americans and European people.



Native Americans lived in the Southwestern United States long before the Europeans arrived here.



Some Native Americans were called Pueblo people by the Spanish, because they lived in villages. Many lived near a river like the Rio Grande.



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Pueblo people were farmers. Corn, beans, and squash were called “the three sisters” because they grow up together in the garden.



To store their food and seeds, Pueblo people made pottery from clay. They wove baskets from willow growing by the river.



Pueblo people used stone, shell, wood, and bone to make weapons and tools. They did not have any metal.



Pueblo people also hunted for food. Some animals, like turkeys, were domesticated. Pueblos used fur, bones, antlers, and feathers to make warm blankets, clothes, and many other things.



The Pueblo people traded with other Native Americans for shells, parrot feathers, and many other things. Everyone wanted the beautiful turquoise that the Pueblos mined from Cerrillos!



The Pueblo people practiced their religion in special underground rooms called kivas. They prayed for rain to give them a good harvest, and for good hunting.



**When the first Spanish soldiers came,
they had metal weapons
and steel armor.**



The Spanish rode horses. They used wagons with wheels to carry goods. All these were new to the Pueblo people.



With the Spanish also came cattle, domestic sheep, pigs, goats, and chickens. The Pueblos had never seen these animals before.



Later, Spanish settlers brought honeybees, wheat, and many new kinds of fruit and vegetables.



Sadly, many new diseases came to the Americas with the Spanish and other Europeans. Native Americans got very sick from smallpox, measles, and other diseases. Many Pueblo people died.



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NORTH AMERICA

EUROPE

AFRICA

AMERICAS TO EUROPE, AFRICA, AND ASIA

EUROPE, AFRICA, AND ASIA TO AMERICA



Who do you think gained the most in the Columbian Exchange? Who lost? On your paper, explain your ideas and tell why by giving details!

