Reading Quiz for Resource Exchange in the Columbian Exchange  
(Subunit 4.1.2)

Instructions: Please write out your answers under timed conditions. This should take you no more than ninety minutes with the text in front of you and no more than an hour in a closed book format. The overall value of each question is related to its centrality to the author’s thesis and its overall importance in the specific essay on Columbian Exchange from this subunit to which the question applies. Each component idea is awarded more weight when these questions address central ideas and are more complex and therefore more difficult to answer.

1. Explain the Columbian Exchange according to Alfred Crosby. (15 points)

2. (Two Parts) In Thomas Grennes’ essay, he quotes Fernandez-Armesto as referring to the Columbian Exchange as “the greatest human intervention in nature since the invention of agriculture.” (p. 91)
   
   A. Using Alfred Crosby and Thomas Grennes, explain the Columbian Exchange as a human invention. (15 points)

   B. Grennes quotes the works of others in making this statement but does not support it. Using Crosby and Victor Boswell’s “Our Vegetable Travelers,” support Grennes’ argument as indicated by Fernandez-Armesto’s quote. (20 points)

3. Describe the “Reversal of Fortune” as explained by Thomas Grennes. Why did the territories that became Mexico and the US switch economic places after colonization? (20 points)

4. According to Thomas Grennes and Alfred Crosby, how did lack of domestication by Native Americans severely disadvantage them? (5 points)

5. According to Victor Boswell, what is the difference between “wild” and “cultivated” plants? (20 points)

6. How did Europeans perceive and act toward disease spreading to Native Americans? (15 points)