Transoceanic Interconnections

AP World History: Modern · Vocabulary in context

Word	Example
maritime empires	Spain and Portugal built **maritime empires** that stretched across the seas.
Columbian Exchange /kə'lʌmbɪən eks'tʃeɪndʒ/	The **Columbian Exchange** moved crops, animals and diseases across the Atlantic.
coerced labour /ˌkəʊ'ɜːst 'leɪbə/	**Coerced labour** forced people to work.
caravel /'kærəvl/	The Portuguese used the **caravel**.
astrolabe /'æstrəleɪb/	Sailors used the **astrolabe** to find their position from the stars.
magnetic compass	The **magnetic compass** helped sailors find north at sea.
lateen sail /'læti:n seɪl/	The triangular **lateen sail** let ships sail against the wind.
motives	European explorers had three main **motives**: gold, God and glory.
disease /dɪ'zi:z/	Flu is a **disease**.
trading-post empires	Portugal built **trading-post empires**, with small forts along the coast.
joint-stock companies /dʒɔɪnt stɒk 'kʌmpəniz/	The Dutch East India Company was one of the first **joint-stock companies**.
VOC	The **VOC**, the Dutch East India Company, controlled the spice trade. (VOC)

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encomienda	Under the **encomienda** system, Spanish settlers forced local people to work.
hacienda	A **hacienda** was a large farm in Spanish America.
mit'a	The Inca **mit'a** system made people work for the state.
chattel slavery /'tʃætl 'sleɪvəri/	Under **chattel slavery**, enslaved people were treated as property.
Atlantic slave trade /ət'læntɪk sleɪv treɪd/	The **Atlantic slave trade** carried millions of Africans to the Americas.
Manila galleons	The **Manila galleons** carried silver from Mexico to the Philippines.
mercantilism /'mɜːkæntəlɪzəm/	**Mercantilism** says a country gets rich by exporting more than it imports.
social hierarchies /'səʊʃl 'haɪərɑːkiz/	**Social hierarchies** were based on race.
casta system /'kæstə 'sɪstəm/	The **casta system** ranked people in Spanish America by their ancestry.
Pueblo Revolt /pˈweblәʊ rɪ'vəʊlt/	The **Pueblo Revolt** drove the Spanish out of New Mexico.
maroon communities /mə'ru:n kə'mju:nɪtiz/	**Maroon communities** were formed by escaped slaves.