

# 16. Colonialism in Latin America, Asia and Africa

## Improve your learning

### 1. Question

“Trade played a major role in the colonisation.”

### Answer

Trade had an important part to play in colonisation.

- 1) **Trade helps in Welfare gains** from colonies
- 2) Trade helps in the better rule on the economy of the colony
- 3) Trade promotes increased competition and higher labour productivity
- 4) Trade enhances choice and innovations
- 5) Trade helps in better control of the colonies
- 6) Trade gives enhanced access to new technologies.
- 7) Trade is an incentive to the exchange of ideas and inflow of human capital from the colony.
- 8) Trade allows imports of capital equipment at lower prices from colonies.

Thus, trade made the imperialist country richer and stronger, draining away all the wealth from the colony. The colonies became weaker, and they couldn't throw away the exploitations.

### 2. Question

How did the lives of native people in different countries affect the colonisation – write two ideas each in the context of – crops cultivated / religion / use of natural resources – for the three continents

### Answer

It is a fact that America, Africa, Asia, and Australia –all continents other than Europe was colonised by European powers.

No	Continent	Context	Affects of colonisation

1	America	Crops cultivated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sugar cane farms, corn fields, tobacco fields, and cotton fields came up</li> </ul>
		Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temples were destroyed</li> <li>• All converted to Roman Catholic</li> </ul>
		Use of natural resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haciendas (estates of thousands of acres which contained silver and copper mines), agricultural lands and pastures, etc were exploited, and also factories were made.</li> </ul>
2	Africa	Crops cultivated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cotton and silk textiles, spices, steel</li> </ul>
		Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christianity was spread widely</li> </ul>
		Use of natural resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raw materials like copper, tin, rubber, palm oil, tea, cocoa, etc were exploited</li> </ul>
3	Asia	Crops cultivated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gold and silver</li> <li>• native people could not grow necessary grains</li> <li>• coffee, tea, cocoa, tobacco, and rubber were introduced</li> </ul>

	Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Islam and Hindu religions were neglected</li> <li>• Christianity was spread</li> </ul>
	Use of natural resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gold and silver mines exploited</li> <li>• 'plantations' in which a single crop (like rubber, pepper or sugarcane) was extensively planted</li> </ul>

### 3. Question

Compare the nature of colonial rule over China and India and Indonesia. What difference and similarities do you find between them?

The countries under colonial rule manifest similar contexts of exploitation and misery. The differences and similarities of China, India, and Indonesia under colonial rule are:

**Answer**

Features	India	China	Indonesia
Ruled by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colonial rule by British East India Company</li> <li>• First colony by Portuguese in 1502</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• China has not ruled actually but was engaged in constant and dominant trade with British</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruled by Europeans from the 16<sup>th</sup> century</li> </ul>
Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exported cotton, jute, tea, opium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exported tea, silk, porcelain</li> <li>• Imported silver</li> <li>• Later British gave opium, and it ended up in opium war in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exported cloves, nutmeg, pepper, etc.</li> </ul>
Freedom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 1947</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 1943</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 1947</li> </ul>

#### 4. Question

Locate the Portuguese, Dutch, British and French colonies in the world map and filled with different colours.

**Answer**

