Benchmark: Geog 1: Students will identify geographic patterns which emerge when data is mapped, and analyze mapped patterns through the application of such common geographic principles as “hierarchy,” “accessibility,” “diffusion” and “complementarity.”

**The Columbian Exchange**

**America**
- Gold, Silver
- Corn, potatoes, beans, vanilla, chocolate
- Tobacco, cotton

**Europe**
- Wheat, sugar, rice, coffee
- Horses, cows, pigs

**Africa**
- Smallpox, measles, bubonic plague, influenza, typhus, diphtheria, scarlet fever
- Enslaved Africans

**Brief Constructed Response Prompt:**
Which geographic principle is best illustrated by the Columbian Exchange? A) hierarchy B) complementarity C) accessibility D) diffusion

**Correct response: D**