

Tobacco: The Cash Crop

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Understanding the Economic Impact of Tobacco in Virginia

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Answer the following questions based on the lesson about tobacco and its significance in early colonial America.

1. What was the primary cash crop that transformed Virginia's economy?

- A. Corn
- B. Tobacco
- C. Cotton

2. Why was tobacco so valuable to the Virginia colony?

3. Tobacco farming required a lot of ____ to cultivate the land and harvest the crop.

4. Growing tobacco did not change life in the colony at all.

- True False

5. Which of the following challenges did early tobacco farmers face?

- A. Short growing season
- B. Pests and diseases
- C. Lack of water

6. How did growing tobacco change life in the colony?

7. The economic significance of tobacco was demonstrated by its trade with ____ markets.

8. The proverb 'He who tills his land will have plenty of bread' relates to the value of hard work in agriculture.

- True False

9. What farming technique was important for growing tobacco?

- A. Crop rotation
- B. Irrigation
- C. Planting in rows

10. What impact did tobacco have on trade routes in early colonial America?

Answer Key

1. Tobacco 2. Tobacco was valuable because it was in high demand in Europe, which created a strong market for it. 3. labor 4. False 5. Pests and diseases 6. Growing tobacco led to the establishment of large plantations and increased trade with Europe, changing the economy and social structure. 7. European 8. True 9. Planting in rows 10. Tobacco created new trade routes to Europe, increasing exports and connecting the colonies to international markets.
