

## *Famous Trade Goods in Europe*

- goods from all over the world began to flood into Europe
- lots of money could be made!

- some of the major goods were:

### a) Gold and Silver!

- mainly found in quantity in S. America
- the Spanish and Portuguese hauled shiploads away and back to Europe

### b) Spices and Tea!

- mainly found in India and SE Asia
- pepper, cinnamon, sugar, cloves, etc.
- considering that food was bland and often slightly spoiled/rotten in Europe, this was worth a lot
  - rich people would pay big bucks to make their food taste good
- tea was huge too

### c) Tobacco!

- Sir Walter Raleigh brought some back from N. America and it was a huge hit
- people ate it, smoked it, sniffed it, etc
- got hooked on it!

### d) Sugar!

- again, it made their food taste good, and sugar was a great preservative

e) Slaves!

- slavery was a big market
- largely taken from Africa, slaves were used as workers and servants in Europe
  - more often, were shipped to the Caribbean, and N/S America to be used as slave labour on plantations
    - grew cotton
    - grew and produced sugar
- very nasty history
  - many deaths all due to the desire for white Europeans to have sweet food ☹

