

# The Transition to a Sugar-Based Economy in the Caribbean

History · Answer Key · 12 Questions

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**1. When did Europeans first settle in the Caribbean and begin growing tobacco?**

- A) Around 1500
- B) Around 1600**
- C) Around 1700
- D) Around 1800

**2. What was the initial crop grown by Europeans in the Caribbean?**

- A) Sugar
- B) Cotton
- C) Tobacco**
- D) Coffee

**3. Why did tobacco initially have high demand in Europe?**

- A) It was easy to grow
- B) It required little capital
- C) It was in high demand**
- D) It was a new invention

**4. What problems did Caribbean tobacco producers face?**

- A) Low demand in Europe
- B) High production costs
- C) Overproduction and competition**
- D) Limited land availability

**5. Which tobacco was considered better and cheaper, impacting Caribbean tobacco sales?**

- A) Cuban tobacco
- B) Jamaican tobacco
- C) Virginia tobacco**
- D) Dominican tobacco

**6. Why did planters turn to sugar production?**

- A) Sugar was easier to grow
- B) Sugar required less capital
- C) Sugar offered higher profits**
- D) Sugar had less European demand

**7. What made sugar more profitable than tobacco?**

- A) Lower European demand
- B) Higher price per pound**
- C) Easier cultivation
- D) Less competition

**8. What products could be made from sugar?**

- A) Rum, molasses, and sugar**
- B) Tobacco, rum, and molasses
- C) Cotton, sugar, and rum
- D) Molasses, cotton, and tobacco

**9. What kind of support did European countries give to sugar production?**

- A) Financial aid
- B) Military protection
- C) Trade restrictions
- D) Subsidies and support**

**10. What was a major consequence of the shift to sugar production in the Caribbean?**

- A) Decrease in plantation size
- B) Reduction in enslaved Africans
- C) Growth of large plantations**
- D) Decline in European investment

**11. What group of people were increasingly enslaved to work on sugar plantations?**

- A) Europeans
- B) Asians
- C) Africans**
- D) Indigenous peoples

**12. What was the Caribbean becoming as a result of the shift to sugar?**

- A) A tobacco-based economy
- B) A diversified agricultural economy
- C) A sugar-based economy**
- D) A mining-based economy