

COLONIAL AMERICA (1492 - 1763)

European explorers come to North America



- ▶ **Spanish** explorers claimed lands from **Florida to California** as they looked for gold. Spain set up **missions** to bring the Catholic religion to Native Americans, and forts to protect their claims.
- ▶ **English** explorers mapped and claimed parts of the **Atlantic coast** from Georgia to Canada.
- ▶ **French** explorers claimed areas near the **Great Lakes** and along the **Mississippi River**. They were followed by **fur traders** and missionaries.

JAMESTOWN - 1607



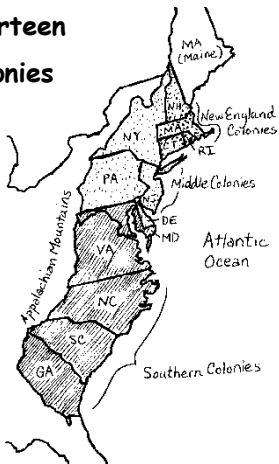
- ▶ In 1607, King James I granted the Virginia Company of London permission to establish the Jamestown colony on **Chesapeake Bay** (on the coast of **Virginia**). **John Smith** led the colony.
- ▶ **first permanent English settlement in the Americas**
- ▶ **Hardships:** low, swampy land → mosquitoes, dirty water → disease
- ▶ **House of Burgesses** — first colonial legislature in the Americas

PLYMOUTH - 1620



- ▶ Plymouth colony, founded by the Pilgrims, was the second English colony in America, founded in **Massachusetts** in 1620.
- ▶ **Hardships:** freezing winters, many died.
- ▶ **Mayflower Compact** — an agreement for **self-government**

Thirteen colonies



- ▶ English kings gave permission for colonists to create 13 English colonies along the **Atlantic Coast**. The **Appalachian Mountains** were the western border.
- ▶ Colonial cities grew up on the coast where good **harbors** allowed transportation. The **port** cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Charlestown were centers of trade, population, and government.
- ▶ Each colony had a **royal governor** appointed by the king and a legislature with elected representatives from the colony.
- ▶ Colonists in each region, or area, **adapted** to the climate, soil, and geography they found. They sold their products to England.

New England colonies



- ▶ Rocky soil and cold winters. **Resources:** sea, forest
- ▶ **Industries:** shipbuilding, forestry, fishing, trade
- ▶ **English Puritans** came to New England seeking freedom from **religious persecution**

MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND



Middle colonies



- ▶ rich soil, long growing seasons, cold winters, deep rivers
- ▶ called the **Breadbasket** — grew grain and raised livestock. fur trapping, shipping
- ▶ Known for **diversity** (many groups living together peacefully) and **tolerance** (acceptance of others)

PENNSYLVANIA, NEW YORK, DELAWARE, NEW JERSEY

Southern colonies



- ▶ rich soil, warm weather, flat land good for growing **cash crops**
 - ▶ sold **tobacco, indigo, rice, sugar, and cotton** to England
 - ▶ labor shortage → indentured servants and slaves
 - ▶ **plantation** — a large farm that forced slaves to grow cash crops
- VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, THE CAROLINAS, GEORGIA**

GOVERNING THE COLONIES



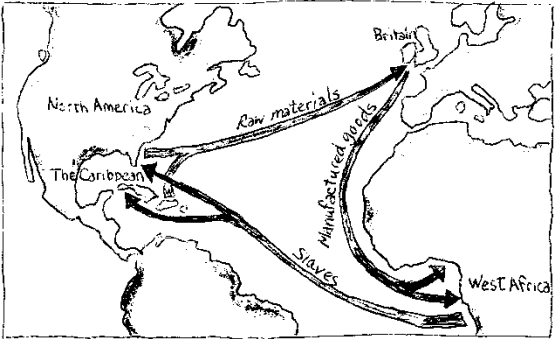
History of representation in England:

- ▶ **1215 Magna Carta** — This document limited the power of the King and gave rights to English citizens.
- ▶ **1689 English Bill of Rights** — guaranteed English citizens certain rights and set up a process for electing representatives in Parliament (the British Congress).

How representation grew in the English colonies:

- ▶ **1619 Virginia House of Burgesses** — the first representative government assembly in the colonies.
- ▶ **1620 Mayflower Compact** — Pilgrims signed a contract agreeing to the rules for self-government for the colony. They agreed to follow the laws made by their representatives.

COLONIAL TRADE



Mercantilism — American colonies sent **raw materials** to English factories, then the colonies bought **manufactured goods** from England. (Colonists began to resent mercantilism controlled by England.)

Triangle trade — The slave trade route between Africa and North America completed the triangle that ships traveled.

The Middle Passage- The part of the journey from Africa to the Americas.

Navigation Act- Prevented the colonist from trading directly with countries of Europe. They could only trade with mother country England.