

## Notes – Standard 1.1

### British Colonization of North America

**EQ's:** *Why was North America Colonized?*

#### **Reason #1 for Colonization: Religion**

1. Religion in Europe
  - There was little religious tolerance in Europe
  - The Church of England / Anglican church was THE church
2. Puritans = Religious group that wanted the Anglican Church (Church of England) to be less Catholic
  - Jailed in England
  - Settled in New England to practice their beliefs
  - Massachusetts Bay Colony
    - Major Puritan Colony
    - “City on a Hill” – believed they were an example to the world of how to live by Christian principles
    - Held strict rules/expectations
  - Did they come to the new world for true religious freedom?
    - They were not tolerant of those who disagreed!
    - Many left to settle new colonies when they disagreed
    - Roger Williams
      - Kicked out of Mass. For suggesting separation of church and state
      - Founded Rhode Island
2. Maryland
  - Colony established by/for Catholics wanting freedom
  - Puritans moving in were not tolerant of Catholics
  - **Act of Toleration** – Passed in Maryland to protect the rights of Catholics
3. Quakers
  - Believed everyone has an “Inner Light” – encouraged tolerance
  - The Puritans persecuted Quakers
  - One Quaker - William Penn – Founded Pennsylvania
4. Religion in The South
  - Anglicans / The Church of England was the main Church
  - Not especially religious until the Great Awakening
5. The Great Awakening
  - Religious revival in the colonies
  - George Whitfield:
    - Controversial Anglican preacher
    - Comes to colonies, but Anglican churches won't let him preach
    - He preaches around the countryside – sometimes to as many as 10k people!
  - Jonathan Edwards – Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God

- Movement is significant because...
  - i. It unites the colonies
    - 1. North/South, Black/white, classes
    - 2. Maybe we don't need the English establishment

#### 6. Tolerance

- Now we have Catholics, Anglicans, Puritans, Presbyterians, etc.
- They rarely agree & sometimes got heated
- **The need to live alongside those we don't agree with is the main reason we established "Separation of Church and State"**

## **Colonial Society**

1. New England
  - a. Most people were equal – (religious reasons)
  - b. Towns and education grew around the Puritan faith
2. South
  - a. Social structure based around plantations (Masters, slaves, etc.)
  - b. Large plantations don't allow for towns to grow

### **Reason #2 for Colonization: Economics**

**Many colonies were settled ONLY because of \$\$\$\$!**

#### **1. Mercantilism**

- Wealth = power
- Mother countries set up colonies to provide:
  - Raw materials
  - Market for finished products
- Trade with anyone else was forbidden
- In practice, mercantilism looked like this:

#### **Triangular Trade**

<b><u>Cargo / People</u></b>	<b><u>Shipped From</u></b>	<b><u>Shipped To</u></b>
Slaves	Africa	Colonies & England
Raw Materials	Colonies	England
Finished Products	England	Colonies & Africa

#### **2. New England:**

- Rocky soil, short growing season, forests
- Subsistence farming, shipbuilders, fishers, merchants

#### **3. South**

- LOTS of fertile soil
- Grew cash crops with enslaved labor:
  - Tobacco, Rice, Indigo
- Exported on ships from New England
- Virginia: 1<sup>st</sup> Permanent English Settlement in N. America (Jamestown, 1607)
  - Grew tobacco
- Cotton Was NOT a cash crop during the colonial era!