

# English Colonies Test Study Guide

## *Virginia*

### **Roanoke:**

- Sir Walter Raleigh & Richard Hakluyt
  - Helped Elizabeth become Queen
  - Called colony Virginia b/c Elizabeth is the Virgin Queen
  - 1st English Colony- Roanoke (1585)
  - Created joint-stock company : allowed many investors to put their money in and invest in the colonies and possibly get a profit out of it. This allowed investors to benefit and earn money rather than the ruler benefiting and earning all the money.

### **Jamestown:**

- 1st successful colony
- Late 1606 Va. Company sends out 3 ships- Discovery, Godspeed, Susan Constant
- May 24, 1607 about 100 colonists (ALL MEN) land along banks of James River.
- Had many problems
  - disease causing mosquitoes
  - brack water (half fresh & half salt water)--> gave them dysentery
  - many died
  - didn't know how to work
  - only interest--> finding gold-pressure from family
  - feared Native Americans
- Savoir: Captain **John Smith**
  - Don't work-no food
  - military takes over and makes rules & laws (martial law)

### **Chief Powhatan:**

- Powhatan Confederacy (what English called them)
- Daughter was Pocahontas
- Dominated a few dozen tribes along James River
- Saw English as allies to control other Indian tribes.
- John Smith taken captive b/c trying to escape confederacy and get cheaper goods from other Indians--> trying to break up monopoly.
- During starving time- there was an Anglo-Powhatan war
  - Pocahontas is taken captive-learns to speak English
  - 1614 make peace--> Pocahontas and John Rolfe get married.
  - Pocahontas (very famous) travels to England but dies in 1619 of small pox.
  - John Smith writes made up story, *Pocahontas*.

### **Tobacco:**

- John Rolfe: made nicer smoking tobacco
- You need a lot of workers
- Tried Indians but didn't work. Africans= too expensive. Used poor people in England (indentured servants) b/c much cheaper.

- Tobacco used instead of money. They want everyone farming it.

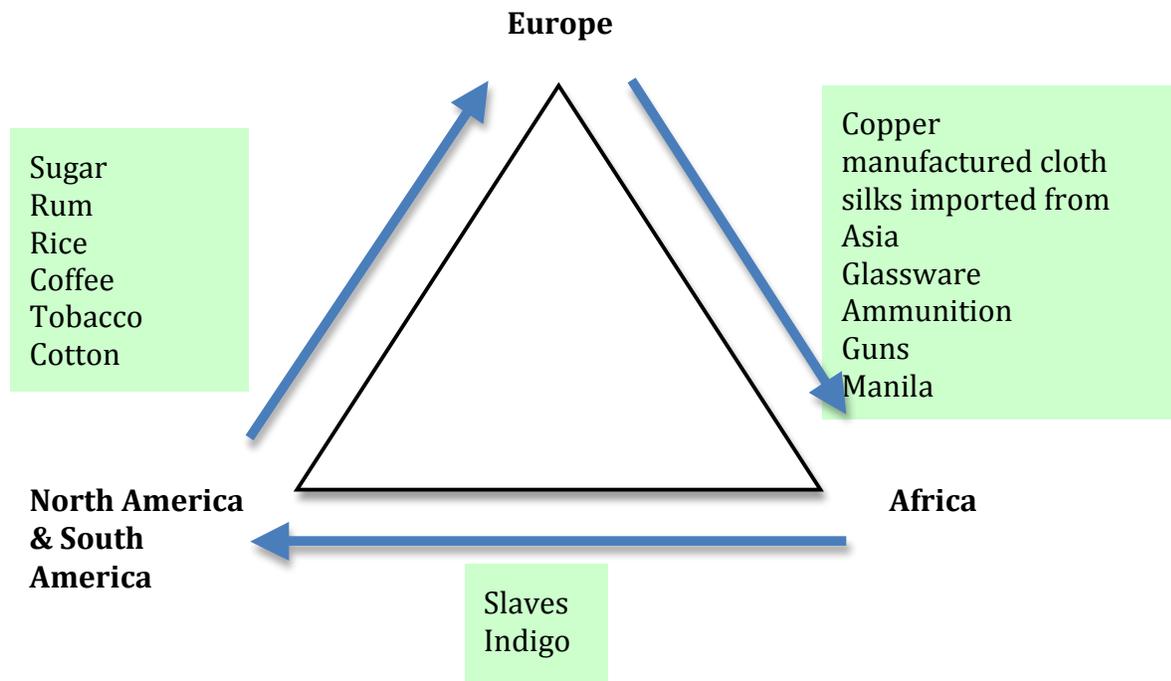
**Headright System:**

- Each Virginian got 50 acres for each person whose passage they paid.

**Indentured Contract**

- 5-7 years
- had up to 50 acres
- promised freedom dues
- indentured servants treated worse than African slaves
  - couldn't run away b/c nowhere to go.
  - Can replace them in a few years-want to get every ounce of work out of them
  - African slave would die- be expensive to replace
  - As soon as they are released- weak. good for them b/c they are their competition.

**Triangle Trade:**



**Middle Passage:**

The middle passage was the passage from Africa to the Americas, across the Atlantic Ocean where a large amount of slaves were transported. Slaves were packed together tightly and weren't given enough food and water to survive.

**Amistad:**

### **Bacon' Rebellion:**

- Governor William Berkley has treaty with Indians for trading furs
- Indians and settlers fight because too close to one another Settlers animals are eating Indian crops.
- Bacon asks if can fight Indians, but Berkley says no b/c has monopoly on treaty with Indians.
- Rebellion-Bacon gets sick and dies
- Final result: black slaves in Virginia were increasing because white servants were hard to control.

### *Plymouth*

### **Separatists vs. Puritans**

- Separatists were Puritans, but not all puritans were Separatists.

#### Puritan belief:

- Calvinism
  - Predestination
  - God's works could not save those predestined to hell.
  - No one could be certain of their spiritual status
  - Growing doubts led to constantly seeking signs of conversion
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- Want to totally reform (purify) church
  - get rid of Roman Catholicism (singing, music, dancing-devils work)

#### Separatists:

- Puritans who believed only "visible saints" should be admitted to church membership
- Church of England enrolled all subjects
- King puts people in jail-decide to leave--> Holland( all diff. religions surrounding them) Left b/f children influenced by devil.

#### Covenant theology

- "social covenant" (mutual watchfulness)

If live in a Puritan society need to learn and write bible (required education)

### **New England vs. Virginia**

- New England-families-new life (religious purposes)
- Virginia-men-get rich (GOLD)
- New England-70 (life expectancy)
- Virginia- 40 (life expectancy)
- New England-have to live in towns-LAW-mutual watchfulness
- Jamestown-Indian's beat them

- New England-made treaty, friendly helped them survive (Indians). Also many Indians died off by disease

### **Mayflower:**

- 1620--> a group of 102 people (half separatists)
- King granted them to go--> indentured servants
  - hypercritical people
  - die out of country
  - 1 in 10 chance survival if go to Virginia.
- get blown off course- 1st touch ground--> Cape Cod
- Captain Myles Standish
- Plymouth Bay way outside domain of the Virginia Company
- Since not in Va. don't have to follow contract

### **Mayflower Compact:**

- November 11, 1620
- Not a govt.
- All agree to have a democracy (1ST DEMOCRACY)
- Written & signed b/f the pilgrims disembarked from ship.
- Not a constitution- an agreement to form a crude govt. and submit to majority rule
- Land on Plymouth-above ocean, land already cleared--> Indians, but Indians not there b/c of disease.

### **Squanto:**

- Pawtuxet Indian-helps pilgrims
- When comes back-entire tribe dead-Wampanoag's take him in, but not very warm.
- Good relationship with pilgrims-->he could get guns and pots--> negotiator.
- 1621 Chief Massasoit treaty

### **Thanksgiving:**

- 1st yr 1620-1621.
- worked together as a unit
- none chose to leave
- fall 1621- 1st thanksgiving
- Puritan's didn't wan to celebrate b/c unholy, Indian's encourage Celebration-part of Indian tradition
- lasts a week

-Colony survived with fur (especially beaver) fish, and lumber  
 -Plymouth stayed small and economically unimportant  
 -not many people lived there b/c didn't want to get into religion  
 -lived next to each other-went out to farm

*Massachusetts Bay Colony*

- Call Boston, Mass.- " We shall be as a city upon a hill." --> perfect society, an example.
- Believed in Theocracy - govt. run by God
- white population grows-Indian population goes down.

## **New England Education**

### **Anne Hutchinson:**

- read bible in home- against Puritan's beliefs.
- Believed worship didn't have to be in a church and people could interpret the bible themselves.
- Puritan leaders banished her from the Massachusetts Bay colony
- She was banished because of her beliefs.

### *Maryland*

### **Lord Baltimore/Calverts:**

- George Calvert & son Cecelius both known as *Lord Baltimore*.
- 2 reasons want colony:
  1. Establish a refuge in N. America where Catholics could worship freely (persecuted from Anglican Church in England)
  2. Make money from large plantations

### **Act of Toleration**

- 1649- all Christian's can worship freely in Maryland.

### *Connecticut*

### **Thomas Hooker:**

- led a group of families out of Massachusetts to find better farmland and to create a less strict govt.

### **Fundamental Orders of Connecticut:**

- first constitution in colonies ever.
- grants both a democratic\* govt. and freedom of religion
  - \* only white men who owned land

### *Rhode Island*

### **Roger Williams:**

- Originally minister of Puritan Church in Salem, Mass.
- Held 2 important views:
  1. pilgrims took their land from the Indians unfairly; they should've been paid
  2. Separation of church and state: citizens should decide what religion they wish to follow.

3.

- Puritan govt. in Mass. banish Williams in middle of woods.
- William's survives and went to find new colony, *Rhode Island*.
- The new colony allowed freedom of religion.
- Attracted settlers from rest of colonies
- Nickname "Rogue Island"

### *North and South Carolinas*

#### **Charles II:**

- Started as one big colony founded by close friends of new English King Charles II (named colony in king's honor: "Carolina" means "Charles" in Latin)
- Quickly divides across class lines
  - poorer section North Carolina was settled by small independent farmers
  - richer section, South Carolina, was dominated by wealthy and noble families who controlled huge plantations
- Key city Charlestown
- Officially sep. 2 colonies 1712

### *New York and New Jersey*

- 1st founded by the Dutch as "New Netherlands" (Dutch Wedge)
- \*Key city **New Amsterdam**
- Dutch bought island of Manhattan
- 1664 English seized New Amsterdam, and renamed both the colony and its key city after King Charles II's brother, James, the **Duke of York**.
- Duke of York split colony into 2 parts.
  - Smaller, southern part of colony to 2 of his friends who changed the name to New Jersey
  - The bigger, northern part of colony remained New York

#### **Dutch Qualities in NY/NJ**

- NY: Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Harlem, Staten Island
- NJ: Ackerman, Doremus, Van Dyk's, Wyckoff, Hawthorne, Lutheran Church

### *New Hampshire*

- funded by framers on borders of Massachusetts.

### *Georgia*

#### **James Oglethorpe**

- philanthropist (Donates money to do good services)
- Founded Georgia for 2 reasons:
  1. An egalitarian colony: a more humane/kind/gentle colony
    - Debtors were sent to become farmers

- outlawed slavery and alcohol
2. A "buffer" colony: protect the more important colony of South Carolina from attacks by Spanish and Indians living in Florida.

## *Pennsylvania*

### **William Penn:**

- member of religious sect called the *Society of Friends (Quakers)*
- King Charles II owed Penn's father a lot of money, but gave Penn ownership of colony in new world instead.

### **Quakers:**

- Unusual religion:
  - No official ministers or churches
    - Strict pacifist (refused to fight, even in self defense)
    - Extreme humility: dressed plainly and refused "honorifics" like Sir or Mr. or Mrs. or Ms.
  - Severely persecuted in England
- Key city Philadelphia ("city of brotherly love")

### **Peaceable Kingdom of Pennsylvania:**

- intended as a refuge for Quakers
- Native American's were treated fairly
- Almost complete freedom of religion (only convicts and Indian's were denied the right to vote)-women could vote
- the most tolerant of all colonies.

### *Salem Witch Trial:*

- Tituba-nothing to lose, says she's a witch-nothing happens but other people would lose property
- Girls accuse 200 people of being witches
- Should be farming, but everyone going to trials
- yr. after witch trial many people die--> disease & famine b/c no one farming
- \* American Philosophy- rather 10 witches run loose than 1 witch being condemned
- Increase Mather
  - It is better 10 guilty men go free than one innocent man be jailed.
  - Separation of Church & State

### *John Peter Zenger*

## **Freedom of the Press (1735-NY)**

- Court case

### Facts of Case:

- Gov. William Crosby sued for back pay
- Chief Justice Lewis Morris ruled : NO!-refuses to pay Crosby
- Gov. Crosby fired Morris b/c Duke of York put him into pwr.
- Morris founded "New York Weekly Journal"
  - Editor John Peter Zenger
  - Front page criticized governor
  - back page advertisements of Crosby likened to a monkey
- Gov. Crosby shuts down paper
  - Zenger charged& imprisoned for libel ( written statement against someone)
  - 8 months in jail
  - Brought in a Philadelphia Lawyer- Andrew Hamilton.
  - Argued= Truth is an absolute defense against libel
  - Tried by jury-Magna Charta- Every English man has right to trial by jury
  - Found not guilty
  - created idea of freedom of the press
  - you can print what ever you want as long as it is true.

### Review Game Questions:

1. This crop made money for Va.
  - tobacco (John Rolfe)
2. What was the 1st attempted colony by the British and what came out of it?
  - Roanoke--> joint- stock companies (Sir Walter Raleigh)
3. Explain the myth that was Pocahontas?
  - favorable daughter
  - suddenly fell in love with John Rolfe. actually marriage with Rolfe was to settle Indian problems.
4. Strange thing about Quakers.
  - Everyone was equal
  - Extreme pacifists
5. When people came from England, what contract?
  - Indentured Servant Compact
  - Servants 5-7 yrs- then you would be free and given 50 acres of land
6. Which colony required all children to read and write and why?
  - Mass. Bay Colony --> Puritans, so they could read and write Bible--> b/c of religion
7. Which colony gave U.S. first constitution?
  - Fundamental Orders of Ct.
8. Give 3 ex. Dutch heritage
  - Manhattan, Bronx, Van Dyk's, Staten Island
9. This man became an outcast in his country because
  - -Roger Williams founded R.I. under separation of Church and State
  - -Pay Indians for land ( be fair to them)
10. This Native American assisted Pilgrim survival.
  - Squanto-Pilgrims
  - Jamestown- Pocahontas
11. 3 points triangle trade
  - -Europe, Africa, New World
12. Describe the Middle Passage.
  - -where slaves were traded from Africa to the America's
  - -conditions were very bad - no care for people
  - -stacked up like cargo-treated more like cargo than humans

- \*Diaspora- spread of people.--> Triangle trade caused African DIASPORA- spread Africans all over world.

13. These 2 colonies were founded when Charles II was restored to the crown.

- -N & S Carolina

14. Many of our govt. values come from the colonies

- -Salem Witch Trial- better 10 people guilty than 1 innocent man in jail. "guilty beyond reasonable doubt"

15. Tell why the Mayflower Compact was created.

- created democracy
- -had to write it b/c in wrong spot & charter didn't apply anymore

16. There are many things that came out of colony...

(John Peter Zenger Trial)

- -Freedom of Press

17. Why did indentured servants change to slavery?

- -Bacon's rebellion--> caused black slavery

