European Colonization of the Americas
The English in America

- Southern colonies
- New England
- Middle Atlantic
The English in America

- Southern colonies
  - Chesapeake
  - Carolinas
The English in America

- Who came?
- Why they came - motives
- Goals – what they sought to accomplish
- What kind of society did they create?
- How did these colonies change over time (1600s, 1700s, 1800s)?
England in the 16th century

➢ Religious conflict
  ▪ Catholics vs. protestants

➢ Political turmoil
  ▪ Succession crises

➢ Economic problems
  ▪ Foreign Wars
“Northwest Passage”
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Roanoke Colony - 1584

Sir Walter Raleigh
Defeat of Spanish Armada - 1588
Treaty with Spain 1604

- Spain renounces claim to Virginia
1606 – King James I

Virginia Company
1607 - “James Fort”
Jamestown
Powhatan Confederacy

Wahunsunacawh (Powhatan)
Powhatan Confederacy

Opechcananough

1622
Types of English Colonies

- “charter”
  - Rules established by monarch
  - Authority with the colonists
  - RI, CT, MA Bay
Types of English Colonies

- “proprietary”
  - Controlled by private owners
  - Authority with the owners
  - PA, NJ
Types of English Colonies

“royal”

- Governor appointed by monarch
- Authority with the monarch’s representative
- VA
Chesapeake Colonies

Virginia

Maryland
tobacco
How successful was tobacco?

1620: 60,000 lbs shipped to England

1700: 35 Million lbs
What do you need to successfully grow tobacco?

- Land
- Labor
- Capital
- Tools/equipment
- Tobacco plants
- Market (buyers)
- Sales/Distribution method
  - transportation
Land & labor

- 50 acres awarded for each person brought to America
- “indentured servants”
Indentured servants

- Contract laborer
- 7 years
- Caucasian only (1636)
- restrictions
Chesapeake society

- Gender imbalance
- High mortality
- 2 classes:
  - landowners
  - landless servants
Slavery

- Native Americans
Slavery

**TO BE SOLD. on board the Ship Bance-Island, on tuesday the 6th of May next, at Ashley-Ferry; a choice cargo of about 250 fine healthy NEGROES, just arrived from the Windward & Rice Coast.**

—The utmost care has already been taken, and shall be continued, to keep them free from the least danger of being infected with the SMALL-POX, no boat having been on board, and all other communication with people from Charles-Town prevented.

Austin, Laurens, & Appleby.

*NB. Full one Half of the above Negros have had the SMALL-POX in their own Country.*
Slavery

- 1619 – Virginia
- 1641 – Massachusetts legalized slavery in Colonies
Anthony Johnson
New World Slavery vs. Old World Slavery

- **Much larger scale**
  - 1500 – 1600: 250K slaves imported
  - 1600 – 1620: 200K more
  - by 1800: nearly 12 million

- **Type of work**
  - Field work

- **Race-based**
New England Colonies