

# The Colonial Era

## Chapters 1

# America

- ◆ Native Americans
  - Migrant – hunter/gatherer
  - Settlements – corn
  - Matrilineal cultures
  - Not own land – borrow land

# Spain & Portugal

- ◆ 1295 Marco Polo & China
  - Route blocked by Turks
- ◆ Portuguese
  - Africa posts
- ◆ Spain unites
  - How to get to India?
    - ◆ Columbus
      - Columbian Exchange
        - ◆ Plants, animals, disease

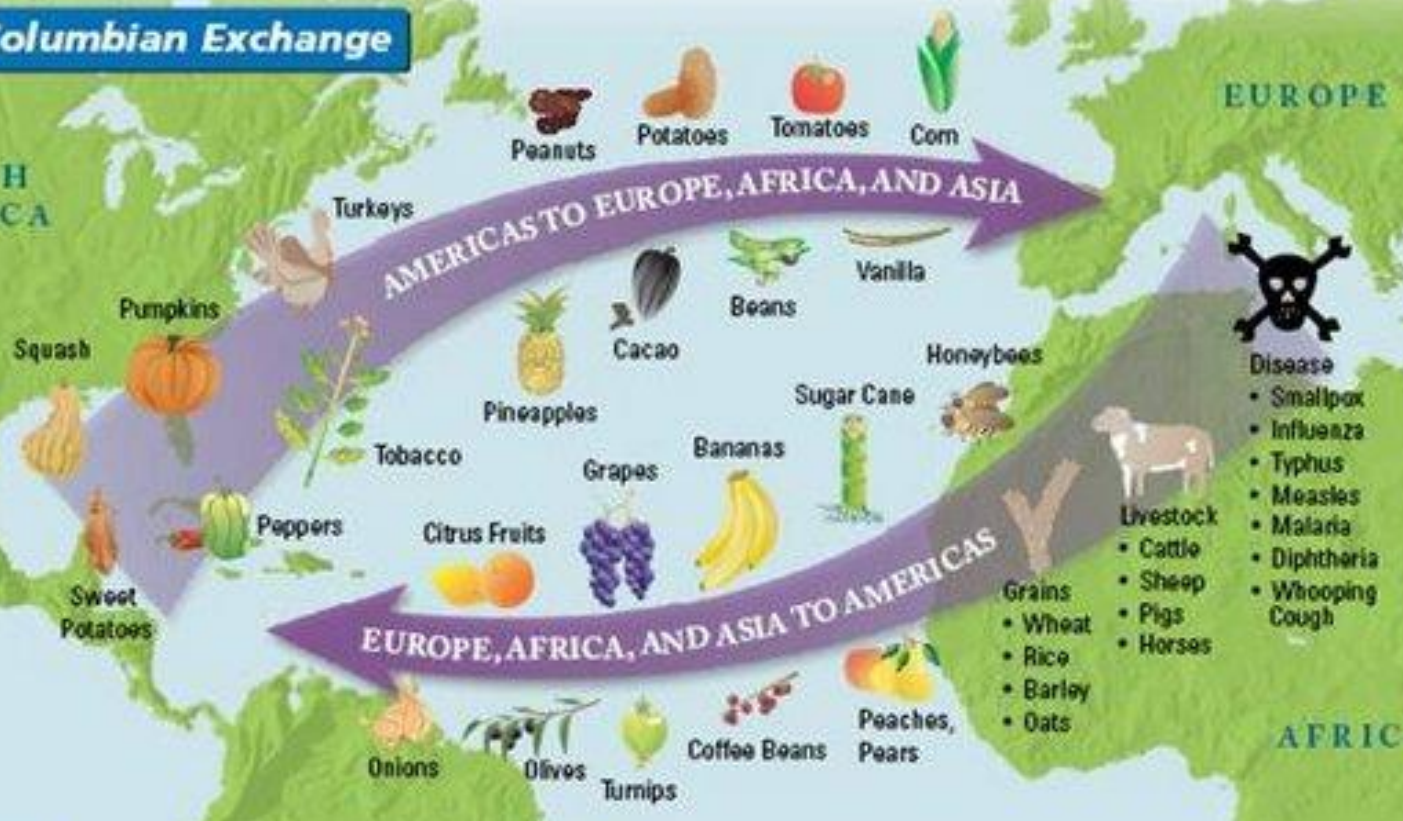


# The Columbian Exchange

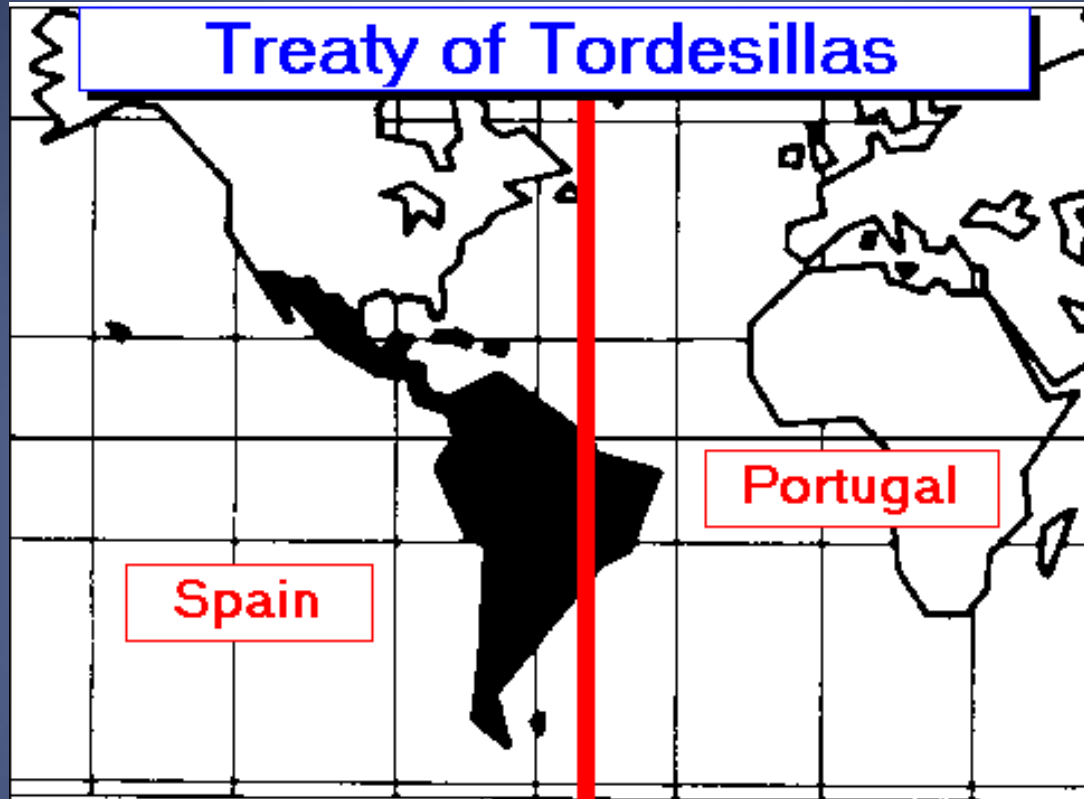
NORTH AMERICA

EUROPE

AFRICA



# Treaty of Tordesillas



- ◆ Conquistadores
- ◆ Catholicism = settlements



# Planting English America

- ◆ Why not before now?
  - Religious conflict
  - 1558 Elizabeth
- ◆ 1588 defeat Spain
  - Security



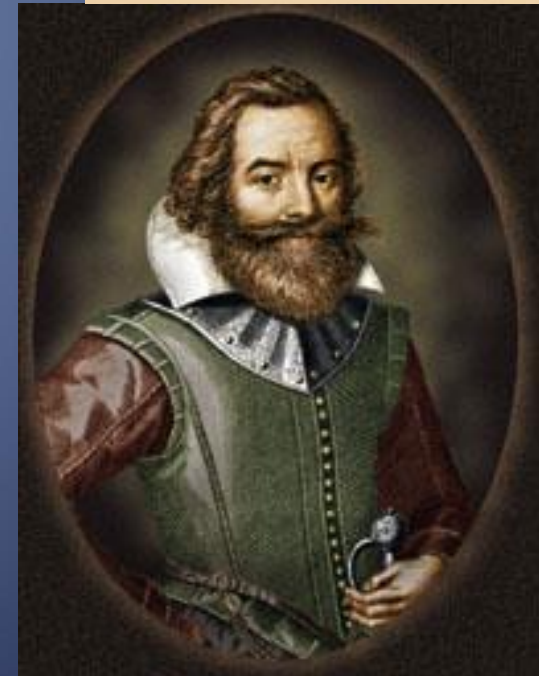
# Jamestown

- ◆ Virginia Company
  - Joint Stock = profit
    - ◆ Gold
- ◆ Small defensible peninsula
  - Swamp
- ◆ 1607: 104/38 survive
- ◆ John Smith
  - No work, no eat

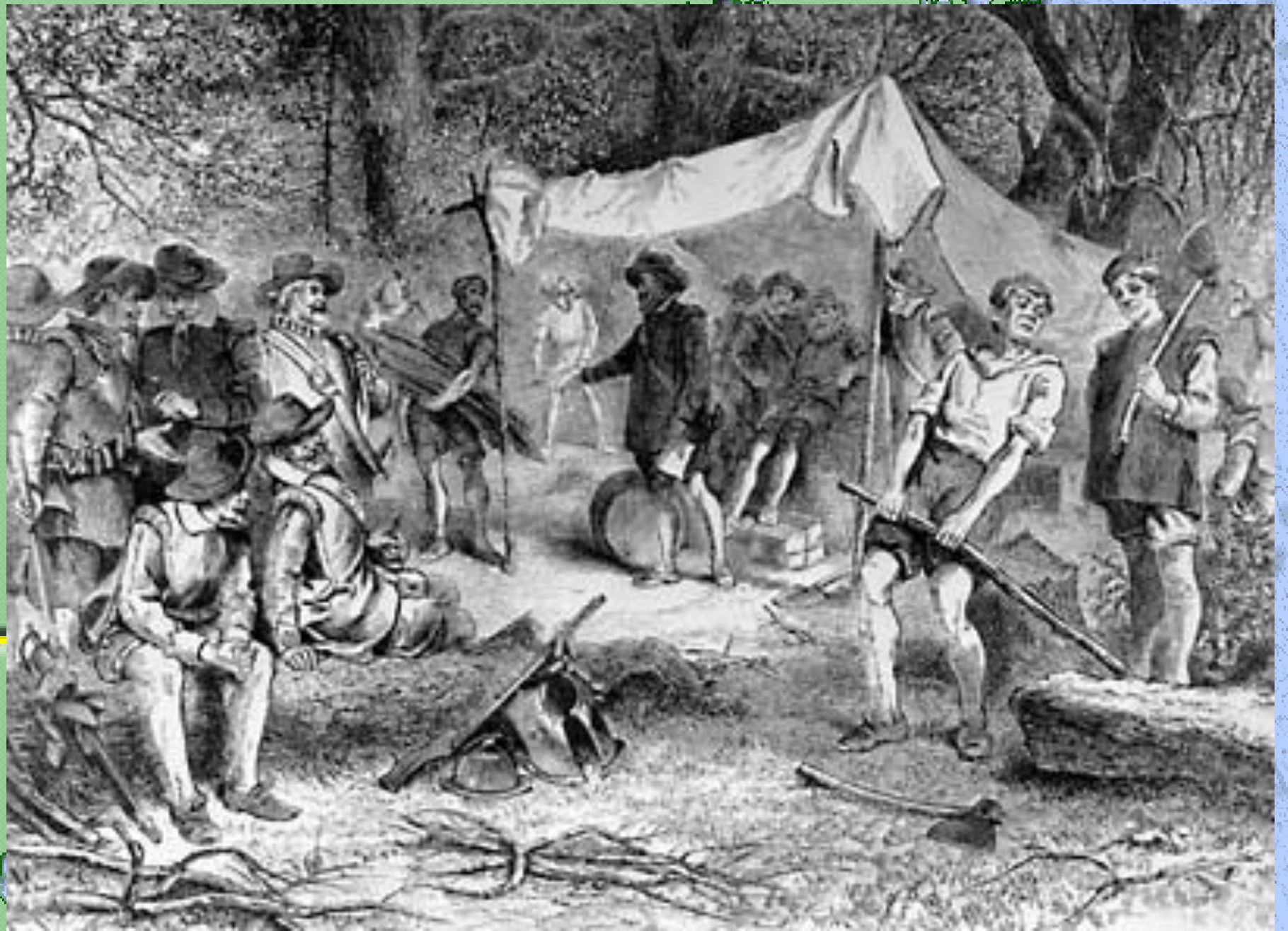
NOVA BRITANNIA.  
OFFRING MOST  
Excellent fruites by Planting in  
VIRGINIA.  
Exciting all such as be well affected  
to further the fame.



LONDON  
Printed for SAMUEL MACHAM, and are to be sold at  
his Shop in Pauls Church-yard, at the  
Signe of the Bul-head.  
1609.









# Jamestown

## ◆ Starving Time (1609-1610)

– 60/400 survived

## ◆ Saved by:

– Tobacco

◆ Indentured Servants

– New colonists



## ◆ Problems with Native Americans (Powahatan)

– LAND



# Pilgrims



- ◆ **Doctrine of John Calvin**
  - *Predestination & the Elect*
- ◆ ***Separatists***
  - Purify Church of England
  - Leave England and Church completely
- ◆ **Plymouth, 1620**
  - *Mayflower Compact*
    - ◆ Agree to follow laws for mutual good
  - Create moral society



# Pilgrims Brought Families





# Settlement of New England

## ◆ Puritans

- Escape attacks by conservatives in Church/England
- Didn't want to leave Church, just "impurities"

## ◆ 1629 Massachusetts Bay Company

- John Winthrop, Governor
  - ◆ City on a Hill
- Boston

## ◆ Rebels: Roger Williams/Anne Hutchison

## ◆ King Phillip's War (1675-76)

# Salem Witch Trials

(Mar 1692-Sept 1693)

- ◆ Girls caught dancing/accused people
- ◆ Consorting with the devil was felony
  - 19 hung, 1 pressed
  - 55 confessed as witches & 150 awaited trial
- ◆ Ramifications
  - Strictness of Puritan society
  - Hysteria
  - Many admitted trials & executions a mistake

# More colonies

- ◆ 1632 Maryland
- ◆ 1644 Rhode Island
- ◆ 1644 New York
- ◆ 1655 Connecticut
- ◆ 1679 New Hampshire
- ◆ 1670 South Carolina
- ◆ 1681 Pennsylvania
- ◆ 1702 New Jersey
- ◆ 1703 Delaware (sort of colony)
- ◆ 1712 North Carolina
- ◆ 1732 Georgia

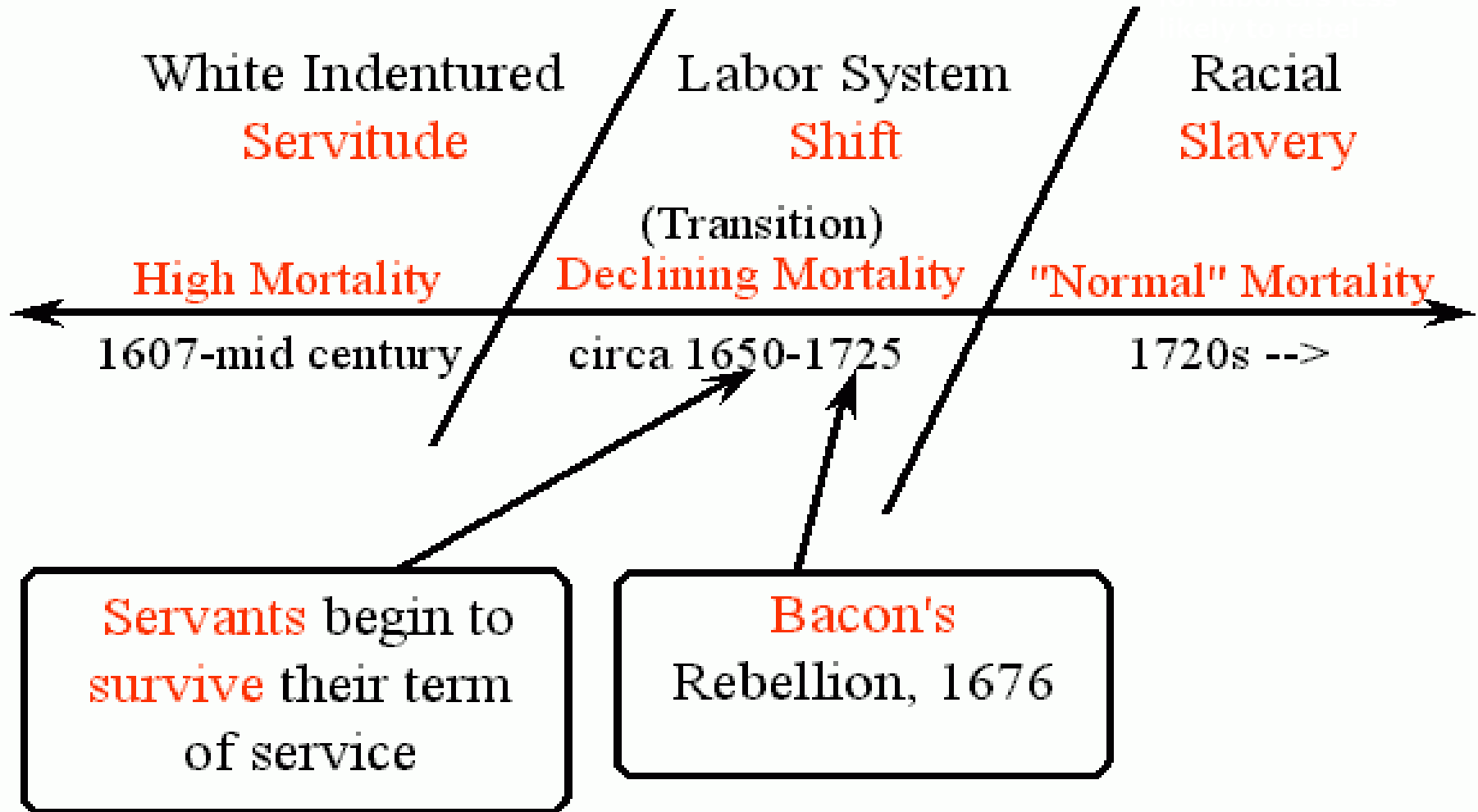
# Bacon's Rebellion, 1676

- ◆ Frustrated Freemen
  - No money, land, marriage, no vote
- ◆ Led rebellion against Governor Berkeley
  - Resented Berkeley's close relations with Indians
    - ◆ Monopolized the fur trade
    - ◆ Refused to retaliate for attacks on frontier
  - Burned Jamestown/attacked Indians
  - Sick/died/Berkeley crushed



# Results of the REBELLION

It exposed resentments between inland frontiersmen & landless former servants against gentry on coastal plantations.



# Colonial Society

## ◆ Southern

- Planters
- Farmers
- Landless
- Slaves

- ◆ Triangular Trade

## ◆ Northern

- Families
- Villages
  - ◆ Meetinghouse
  - ◆ Green
  - ◆ Schools
- Farms

## ◆ Increased Pop. Growth

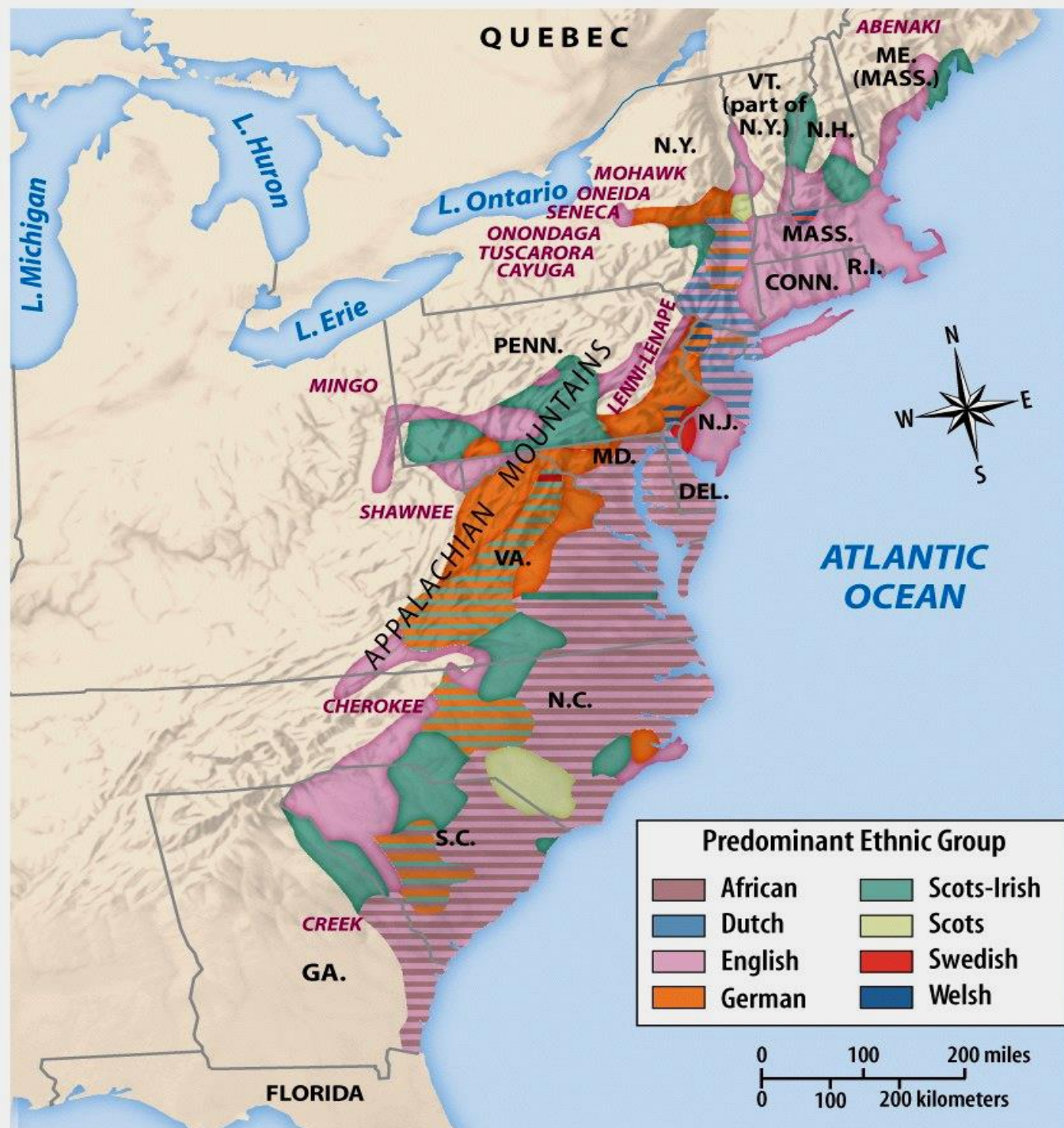
- 4 major cities
- All lived East of Alleghenies

## ◆ No Nobility

- Farmers
- Merchant Princes
- Indentured Servants
- Slaves

## ◆ Self Government

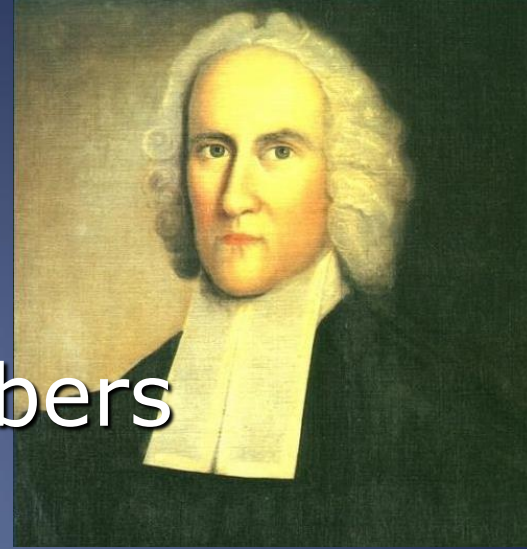
## ◆ Social Mobility



# America a “melting pot”

- ◆ No loyalty to crown
- ◆ Germans
- ◆ Scots-Irish
- ◆ Indians

# Great Awakening



- ◆ 1730-40's
- ◆ Puritan churches losing members
- ◆ Jonathan Edwards
  - Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God
    - ◆ “[the Devil]... stands waiting for them, like greedy hungry lions that see their prey, and expect to have it...”
- ◆ Results
  - New denominations
  - Political Ramifications
    - ◆ When churches weren't living up to the believers' expectations, break away & form new



# Colonial economy

- ◆ Southern: Plantation
  - Slaves: Triangular Trade, Middle Passage
  - Rural/Built on Waterways
- ◆ Northern: Trade
  - Cities/Industry
  - Family Farms
- ◆ Mercantilism
  - Existed for benefit of England
  - 1651 Navigation Acts
    - ◆ Tighten control of colonial trade

# Manufactured Goods

- Furniture
- Clothing
- No factories

From  
England to  
Colonies



**NORTH AMERICA**

- Boston
- Newport
- New York
- Philadelphia
- Baltimore
- Chesapeake ports
- Charleston
- Savannah

**WEST INDIES**  
**NEW SPAIN**

- Glasgow
- GREAT BRITAIN**
- Bristol
- London

**EUROPE**  
**FRANCE**

- Madrid
- PORTUGAL**
- Lisbon
- SPAIN**
- Cadiz

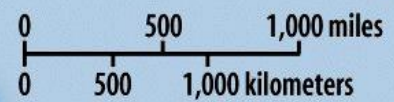
**AFRICA**

- James Fort
- Sierra Leone
- Cape Coast
- Castle
- Accra
- Lagos

**ATLANTIC OCEAN**

Legend:

- British-controlled trade (Red arrow)
- American-controlled trade (Blue arrow)



manufactured goods

salt, wine, bills of exchange

slaves

manufactured goods, bills of exchange

slaves

tobacco, indigo, flour, lumber

molasses, sugar

fish

rice

rum, manufactured goods

rum

# Great Game of Politics

- ◆ 1775: 8 colonies had royal governors, 3 under proprietors (MD, PA, DE), and 2 under self-governing charters (CT, RI)
  - All had property requirements for voting, office holding
  - Upper classes afraid to give vote to everyone
  - Not true democracy, but more so than England
- ◆ Bicameral legislatures – upper house (council) chosen by king, lower house by elections
- ◆ Self-taxation through elected legislatures was highly valued
  - Conflicts between Governors & colonial assemblies: withheld governor's salary to get what they wanted, had power of purse



# Americans

- ◆ Mid-1700s similarities of colonies:
  - English in language/customs
  - Protestant
  - Some ethnic/religious tolerance
  - Unusual social mobility
  - Some self-government
  - 3,000-mile moat separated them from England
- ◆ Single people united by common history & shared experiences