

# ***European Competition For Control of North America***

Unit 2

Colonization to Independence

2014 - 2015

# Geographic Locations

## **Spain**

### “New Spain”

- Most of South America
- Central America
- Southern/SW North America
- Caribbean

# Geographic Locations

## France

### “New France”

- Eastern Canada
- Miss. River Valley (Louisiana Terr.)
- St. Lawrence R.
- Great Lakes Region

# Geographic Locations

## **Dutch (The Netherlands)**

### “New Netherlands”

- New York
- New Jersey
- Delaware
- (lands between the Hudson R. & the Delaware R.)

# Geographic Locations

## England

Along the Eastern Coast

- Virginia (Roanoake – FAILED) & Jamestown (1607)
- Massachusetts

# Religious Reasons Spain

Spread Christianity (Catholicism)

Set up ***Missions*** to convert  
Native Americans to Christianity

(Catholic)

# Political Reasons Spain

Expand Empire

More lands = more resources =  
more wealth = more POWER  
(Mercantilism)

***Presidios*** – military outposts/towns

# Economic Reasons Spain

Mercantilism

Search for Gold, more natural  
resources

Set up ***Pueblos*** as colonies for  
trading



# Native American Relations

## Spain

### Brutal treatment

- Cortez defeated Aztecs
- (tricked them, had better weapons, exposure to Euro. Diseases)
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- Pizarro defeated the Inca

*Encomienda* system (land owners could tax or enslave Nat. Am)

# Role of Slavery & Servitude Spain

## Enslaved Native Americans

- Forced conversion to Catholicism
- “Encomienda” system

# Religious Reasons France

Convert Native Americans to  
Christianity (Jesuit Missionaries)

(Catholic)

# Political Reasons France

Expand Empire

More lands = more resources = more  
wealth = more POWER  
(Mercantilism)

Keep/compete with Spain

# Economic Reasons France

Fur Trade

# Native American Relations France

Generally good relations

- saw Native Americans as trading partners

French did not set up large permanent colonies, just trading posts

# Role of Slavery & Servitude France

None

# Religious Reasons The Dutch

Allowed the greatest religious freedom / diversity (done to attract more settlers to region)

(Protestant – Dutch Reformed Church)



# Political Reasons

## The Dutch

### Expand Empire

- More lands = more resources = more wealth = more POWER (Mercantilism)

- Keep/compete with Spain

- Dutch were at war with Spain

# Economic Reasons The Dutch

Fur Trade

(D.W.I.C. – Dutch West India  
Co.)

# Native American Relations

## The Dutch

Brutal treatment

-Peter Minuit purchased Manhattan from Nat. Am. For \$24

Forced Native Americans out of the region

# Role of Slavery & Servitude The Dutch

DWIC used ***Indentured Servitude***  
(person pays off travel debts by  
working for 4-7 years).

Afterwards, person gets parcel of  
land & freedom

# Religious Reasons The English

Massachusetts – escape religious  
persecution

Virginia – Mostly Anglicans

(Protestant – Church of England)

# Political Reasons

## The English

Early English colonies were set up by small Joint Stock Co.s (very little gov' t involvement)

1588 – English defeat of Spanish Armada (opens door to great English exploration)

# Economic Reasons The English

Joint Stock Companies – private investors looking to make a profit (gold, land)

# Native American Relations The English

Mixed – depended on time, region,  
attitude of settlers



# Role of Slavery & Servitude The English

Some slavery & some Indentured  
Servitude

“Institutionalized” slavery in the  
Southern Colonies

“Individual” [personal] slaves/  
servants in New England