

# Intro to Colonization

## Colonization Notes #1

### What do you know

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- Refresh your Memory
  - What do you remember from the Exploration Unit that would cause the English to colonize the New World?
    - New start after plague
    - High population growth (getting to crowded)
    - Religious persecution
    - Competition with Spain
    - Booming economy

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- Economic Revolution
  - There was a demand for wool cloth
  - England landowners began to fence off lands to raise sheep
  - Displaced farmers had to look for work
  - Many became poor and had to steal for food
  - Landowners became more wealthy as did merchants, and wool manufactures

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- Results of Economic Revolution
  - Landowners invest their money into colonies
  - Those who are poor come to colonies for work
  - A place to send criminals to work as indentured servants
  - Causes colonists to trade with England

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- The Church of England
  - Product of the Reformation
  - Started by King Henry VIII
    - Not because he disagreed with Catholic religion, but because he wanted a divorce
    - Wanted male heir
  - Made King or Queen head of church
  - Upset many English citizens

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- Religious Persecution
  - Every English person had to worship in the Church of England
  - Puritans and Catholics had houses burned and/or put in jail for not attending Church of England

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- Results of Persecution
  - Come to the new world for religious freedom

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- What do you need?
  - Charter- a written contract, issued by a government or other authority, giving the holder the right to establish a colony
    - In our case given by the King of England
  - Joint-Stock Companies- a business that raised money by selling shares, called stocks, to investors.
    - i.e. Virginia Company of London
  - Investors- a person who puts money into a product in order to earn profits.

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- What do you need?
  - Ships
    - Need to be able to cross the Atlantic
  - People
    - Need enough to sail the ship
    - Need enough to work and build the colony
  - Food
    - Need enough to keep everyone healthy

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- What to think about when Colonizing
  - Geography
    - Can I live there?
    - Is there enough fresh water?
    - Is it easily accessible?
    - Does it have enough resources?
  - Sickness
    - Many diseases spread on the ships and through colonies