

Reasons for Colonization

I. Vocabulary

- A. Columbian Exchange
- B. Fundamental Orders of Connecticut
- C. Great Migration
- D. Mayflower Compact
- E. mercantilism
- F. Middle Passage
- G. Northwest Passage
- H. Plantation system
- I. Triangular trade

II. Reasons for Colonization

- A. Economic –desire for a fresh start & new opportunities away from the hunger, poverty, and lack of opportunity in Europe
- B. Belief that America was a land of amazing abundance
- C. Religious freedom
- D. Kidnap – African-Americans were kidnapped and forced to move to the new world as slaves
- E. European belief in Mercantilism

III. Jamestown

- A. Established in 1607 by the Virginia Company, a joint stock company, it is the first permanent English settlement in North America.
- B. Survival was ensured by Captain John Smith who made the colonists look for food before doing anything else.
- C. As the Virginia Colony grew it established the House of Burgesses to make local laws for the colonies.

IV. Plymouth Colony

- A. Established in 1620 by Pilgrims arriving in Massachusetts so they could worship how they wanted
- B. Mayflower Compact – signed by men on the Mayflower in which they agreed to follow all laws agreed upon for the general good of the colonies. It helped establish the idea of self-government in the colonies.