**Sir Walter Raleigh:**

* Named the land in North America he claimed for England Virginia
	+ For Queen Elizabeth-the “virgin queen”
* Planted the first English Colony on Roanoke Island (off the coast of what is now North Carolina)

**Vocabulary:**

* **Joint Stock Company**
* originally funded and maintained English colonies
* Several investors who pooled their wealth in support of a colony
* Business venture for profit
* **CHARTER**
	+ an official permit to start a colony from the English monarch who was entitled to a portion of the profits
* **Proprietor**
* Owners of colonies who expected the people who lived on their land to pay them a tax called a “quit rent”.

**Names, places, and things to know:**

* John Smith
	+ Became a leader of the Jamestown colony its first winter at age 28
		- *“If any would not work, neither should he eat.”*
	+ Developed a relationship with the Powhatan tribe
	+ Left Jamestown 1607 : *gunpowder accident*

***VIRGINIA***

**The Starving Time: 1609-10**

* 1609 – 600 new colonists
* 1610- only 60 survive
* Some accounts of cannibalism
* “sharp prick of hunger which no man can truly describe but he who hath tasted the bitterness thereof.”- CAPTAIN GEORGE PERCY –*governor of Jamestown*

**Pocohantas:**

* daughter of Chief Powhatan
* defends the life of John Smith
* marries John Rolfe

**John Rolfe**

* Created a strain of tobacco that could become a cash crop for the Jamestown colonists

**1619: The House of Burgesses:**

* An elected legislative body
* Burgess = a person invested with all the privileges of a citizen
* Male landowners over age 17 eligible to vote for representatives
* Any decision required the approval of the Virginia Company in London
* First seed of American democracy

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**English Reformation**

* 16th century movement for religious reform
* Led to the founding of churches that rejected the Pope’s authority
* Henry VIII broke with the Catholic Church and formed the Church of England (Anglican Church)

**Puritans:**

* A group in England who wanted to reform the Church of England
* Wanted to eliminate all traces of Roman Catholicism

**Separatists:**

* Puritans who opposed those who wanted to reform the Church of England from within and wanted to form their own separate congregations

**Pilgrims:**

* Separatists who fled England to escape persecution
	+ Holland
	+ North America

**Mayflower Compact:**

* 1620
* Considered the first written constitution in North America
* Radical idea
	+ Government depends on the consent of the governed

**Great Puritan Migration:**

* 1629-1642
* Over 14,000 settlers , mainly Puritans , arrived brought over by the Massachusetts Bay Company fleeing religious persecution against Puritans under King Charles I
* Plymouth Colony incorporated into the Massachusetts Bay Colony

**Colonial Government in the Massachusetts Bay Colony:**

* General Court
* *Lawmaking body which chose the colonial governor*
* Freeman
* *Only stockholders in MBC and “the elect”*
	+ *all adult male members of the Puritan Church - could vote*
	+ *No separation of church and state*
* *Theocracy*
	+ *Laws based on the Puritan religion*
	+ *No tolerance for religious dissent*

**George Calvert**

* the first Lord Baltimore
* Catholic Englishman
* Founded the Maryland colony on the idea of religious freedom where Protestants and Catholics could live together in peace

**Maryland Act of Toleration:**

* Landmark act passed by the Maryland assembly
* Guaranteed freedom of religion ( but only for Christians )
	+ Radical idea at this time
* The penalty for anyone who did not believe in Christ was to be hanged
	+ No toleration for Jews, atheists, muslims, etc…

**RHODE ISLAND:**

**Roger Williams**

* Puritan who was tolerant of other religions
	+ Did not believe in killing or punishing people in the name of Christianity
* Did not believe in a tax supported church
	+ Supported separation of church and state
* Indian land should be paid for
* Banished from MBC for his beliefs
* Started a colony called Providence which would become RI
* Bought land from the Native Americans to start the colony
	+ Narranganset Indians helped him when he was banished
* Based on “freedom of conscience”
	+ Attracted Quakers, Catholics, Jews

**Ann Hutchinson**

* Religious dissenter (like Roger Williams)
* Put on trial for her beliefs
* Banished from the MBC
* Fled to RI and later to NY

**NEW YORK**

**Henry Hudson**

* Dutch explorer searching for the Northwest Passage
* Land in North America he claimed for Holland called New Netherlands

**Dutch West India Company**

* The business that owned most of Holland’s colonies
	+ Fur trading
	+ More interested in its colonies in India

**GEORGIA**

**James Ogelthorpe**

* Wanted to create a colony where debtors could go instead of going to jail
	+ Debtors ended up being only a small percentage of the actual settlers

**The buffer colony**

* from Spanish colonies south (Florida)
* From French claims west (Louisiana)