

MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY



RELATIONS WITH
NATIVE AMERICANS
COMMERCIALISM & THE
RISE OF CHATTEL
SLAVERY

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- CAMBRIDGE AGREEMENT OF 1629
- HOLD ALL STOCKHOLDER MEETINGS IN NEW ENGLAND
 - GENERAL COURT
 - "FREEMAN" - CAN PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT
- ONLY MALE CHURCH MEMBERS GAIN FULL CITIZENSHIP STATUS AS VOTERS...
 - TECHNICALLY NOT A THEOCRACY

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- COMMUNITY EXERTS CONTROL OVER INDIVIDUAL LIVES...
- 1635 LAW STATED INHABITANTS HAD TO LIVE WITHIN A HALF A MILE OF THE TOWN CHURCH...
- EUROPEAN OPEN-FIELD SYSTEM
- ADVOCATED LITERACY
- TOWNS SOON HAVE TO PAY TAXES FOR SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN...

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- INTERNAL CONTROVERSIES OVERRODE ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
 - ROGER WILLIAMS
- CLASH WITH BOTH THE PILGRIMS AT PLYMOUTH BAY & THE BAY COLONY
 - BELIEVED PURITANS AND PILGRIMS WERE THIEVES BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT PURCHASED THEIR LAND FROM NATIVE AMERICANS
 - REJECTS INFLUENCE OF POLITICS IN THE CHURCH

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- 1635: ROGER WILLIAMS BANISHED
- PURCHASES LAND FROM NARRAGANSETT NATIVE AMERICANS FOR A NEW COMMUNITY...
- PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
- PERSONAL CONSCIENCE CALLS FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE
- ANNE HUTCHINSON
- MYSTICAL ELEMENT
- HUTCHINSON - CHURCH IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THOSE TRULY IN THE GRACE OF GOD...

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- ANTINOMIAN - FAITH ALONE IS NECESSARY FOR SALVATION...
- TO MANY IT SEEMED HUTCHINSON WAS ADVOCATING SOCIAL ANARCHY
- 1637: BAY COLONY CLERGY BANISH JOHN WHEELWRIGHT, THE BROTHER-IN-LAW OF HUTCHINSON
- ANNE HUTCHINSON SETTLES IN NEW NETHERLANDS...

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- 1663: RHODE ISLAND RECEIVES DISTINCT CHARTER FROM CHARLES II THAT MAKES IT UNIQUE IN PROTESTANT NEW ENGLAND
- 1681: NEW HAMPSHIRE BECOMES A SEPARATE COLONY
- 1630S: CONNECTICUT EMERGES AS SEPARATE COLONY
- THOMAS HOOKER SETTLES IN THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY
- JOHN DAVENPORT ESTABLISHES NEW HAVEN

RELATIONS WITH NATIVE AMERICANS



- 1639: FUNDAMENTAL ORDERS OF CONNECTICUT
 - ALL MALE PROPERTY HOLDERS CAN VOTE
- HOOKER'S FOLLOWERS SETTLE ON THE LAND OF THE PEQUOTS
 - MAIN VILLAGE OF PEQUOT BURNT, OVER 400 CHILDREN, WOMEN AND MEN DIE IN FLAMES...
 - JOHN ELIOT TRANSLATES BIBLE INTO ALGONQUIAN TONGUE
- IN THE END MOST NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLES REFUSE CONVERSION...

Commercial values & the rise of Slavery



- BY THE 1650S RELIGIOUS ZEAL IS ERODING IN FAVOR OF MATERIAL PROSPERITY...
- BY 1700S NEW ENGLANDERS ARE ALSO TURNING TOWARDS SLAVERY AS A PATH TO PROSPERITY...
- PORTUGUESE MAKE FIRST EUROPEAN CONTACTS WITH SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA...
- PORTUGUESE EXPEDITIONS BEGIN A TRADE THAT BRUTALLY AND FORCIBLY RELOCATE 15 - 20 MILLION AFRICANS TO THE AMERICAS OVER THE COURSE OF THREE CENTURIES...

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- AFRICAN KINGDOMS & CENTERS OF LEARNING
 - GHANA
 - EMPIRE OF MALI – TIMBUKTU
 - KINGDOM OF KONGO
- INITIAL TRADE OF FIREARMS FOR HUMAN SLAVES BECOMES A FULL-FLEDGED CYCLE
 - COFFLES
 - BARRACOONS
- 20% FORCED ONTO SLAVE SHIPS DO NOT SURVIVE THE JOURNEY...

Rise of Slavery in the Western Hemisphere



- **PREVALENCE OF SLAVERY DECREASING IN EUROPE (EASTERN & CENTRAL)**
- **GENOCIDE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF SOUTH AMERICA LEADS SPANISH & PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES TO INITIATE ENSLAVEMENT OF AFRICAN PEOPLES**
- **1420: PORTUGUESE ARE FIRST TO SEND ARMED SHIPS OFF THE COAST OF AFRICA (LATER ASIA) TO EITHER SEIZE LOCAL INHABITANTS OR BARTER WITH THE AUTHORITIES**

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- BINARY VIEW IS AHISTORICAL ; DEPRIVES AFRICANS OF *AGENCY*
- AFRICAN *AGENCY* CANNOT BE & SHOULD NOT BE DENIED
 - WHAT IS *AGENCY*?
- AFRICAN KINGDOMS, NATIONS & TRIBES DO ENGAGE IN SOME FORMS OF SLAVERY BUT UNDER COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES ; COMPULSION OF WAR
- HOWEVER, *CHATTEL SLAVERY* AS WILL BE PRACTISED BY EUROPEAN POWERS IS NON – EXISTENT IN AFRICA

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- **SPANISH, PORTUGUESE, ENGLISH, FRENCH, DUTCH INSTITUTION OF SLAVERY IS PREDICATED ON CROP/COMMODITY PRODUCTION**
- **RACE/COLOR OF THE ENSLAVED IS PRIMARY CONSIDERATION**
- **ALTHOUGH WESTERN EUROPEAN POWERS ARE ON OCCASION NOT AVERSE TO SELLING EUROPEAN COMPETITORS INTO SLAVERY**
- **1654: DUTCH FORCES FROM NEW AMSTERDAM SELL SWEDISH SETTLERS CAPTURED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA REGION**

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- THE TRADE IN ENSLAVED PEOPLE FROM AFRICA IS NOT AN ISOLATED PHENOMENON
- *CHATTEL* SLAVERY DRIVES THE ENGINES OF CAPITALISM IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES
- OTHER TRADE IN ENSLAVED PEOPLE ; SUCH AS THE ARAB SLAVE TRADE BASED IN ZANZIBAR WAS NOT LINKED TO CAPITALIST GROWTH AND HAD COLLAPSED BEFORE THE RISE OF EUROPEAN TRADE IN ENSLAVED PEOPLE
- OTTOMAN EMPIRE; PRIMARILY TO CREATE A CORPS OF LOYAL TROOPS; WHO THEMSELVES COULD RISE TO POSITIONS OF POWER & INFLUENCE

SLAVERY IN MARYLAND & VIRGINIA



- **1650: 15,000 WHITE ENGLISH SETTLERS & 500 AFRICANS IN VIRGINIA**
- **HOWEVER GROWING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AFRICANS IS AN INDICATION OF THE SHIFT...**
- **1662: VIRGINIA DECREES SLAVERY IS AN 'INHERITED STATUS' THROUGH THE CONDITION OF THE MOTHER.**
- **IMPROVING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN ENGLAND MEAN THAT SUPPLY OF INDENTURED SERVANTS IS DRYING OUT**

The bonds of slavery between northern and southern English colonies



- **CONTRARY TO POPULAR MYTH, NORTHERN ENGLISH COLONIES ARE AS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN SLAVERY AS THE SOUTHERN COLONIES**
- **BOSTON, PROVIDENCE, BRISTOL WERE NORTHERN CENTERS OF THE SLAVE TRADE IN SEVENTEENTH & EIGHTEENTH CENTURIES WHEN PROFITS EXCEEDED FIFTEEN HUNDRED PERCENT**
- **1739: STONO REBELLION IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS A HARBINGER OF FREQUENT REBELLIONS & UPRISINGS**
- **REBELLIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN RIVALRY**