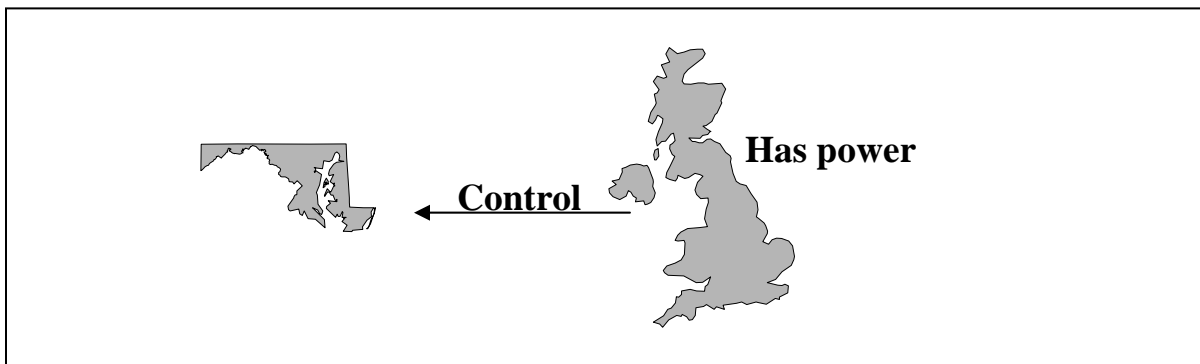


## **Notes: *American Colonization***

- **Vasco da Gama**: Portuguese explorer who found an all-water route to Asia (spices, silk, and tea) by circumnavigating Africa (1497)
- **Christopher Columbus**: Financed by Spain; in 1492 set sail west and “discovered” the Caribbean islands later called the West Indies; made a total of 4 voyages to the Americas
- During the 1500s, European nations (Portugal, England, France, the Netherlands, etc.) explored and claimed land in the Americas

### **COLONY**

A place that is settled at a distance from the country that controls it



- By 1700, several European nations established large colonial empires in North America

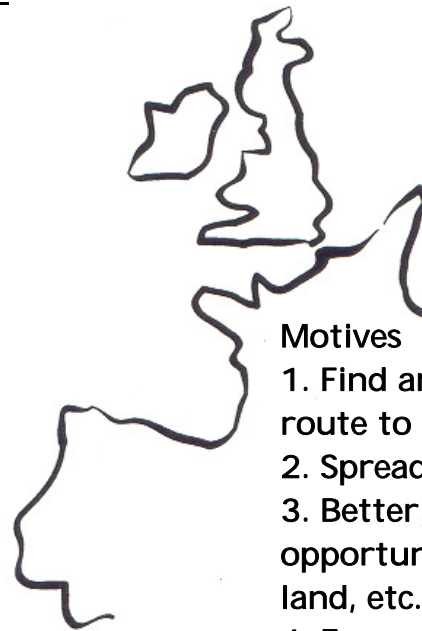
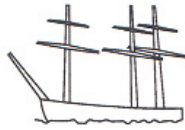
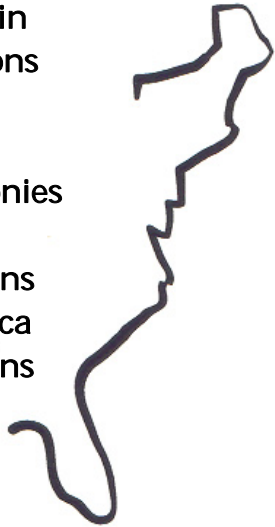
### **COLONIAL EMPIRE**

A group of colonies all controlled by the same home country

## Colonization

### Impact

1. Columbus claims new world for Spain
2. European nations establish colonial empires
3. 13 English colonies established
4. Enslaved Africans brought to America
5. Native Americans devastated by disease



### Motives

1. Find an all-water route to Asia
2. Spread Christianity
3. Better opportunities (jobs, land, etc.)
4. Escape religious intolerance in Europe
5. Profit from growing cash crops

- During the 1500s, Spanish colonists began importing large numbers of Africans to work the sugar plantations in the West Indies. By the late 1600s, thousands of captive Africans were brought into the colonies each year and sold into slavery.
  - Tobacco is a labor-intensive crop
  - Tried to enslave Native Americans (they died or ran away)
  - Indentured servants (worked usually for 7 years) eventually did not supply enough labor, thus turned to slavery
  - Slave trade across the Atlantic became known as the “Middle Passage”
- By 1732 there were 13 English colonies strung out along the Atlantic seaboard; tightly controlled by England under the policy of mercantilism

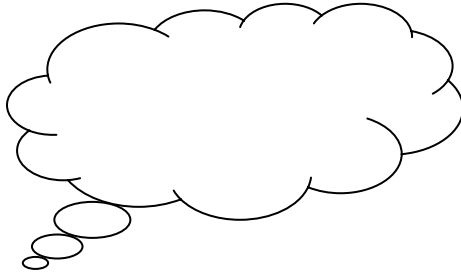
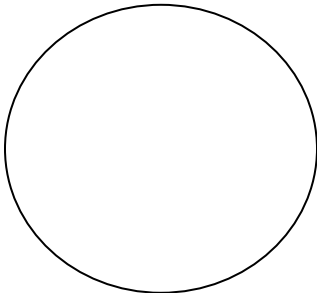
### Mercantilism

Economic idea that a nation is strong through its wealth

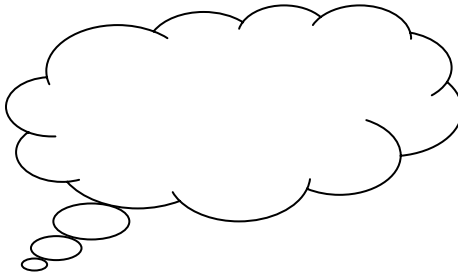
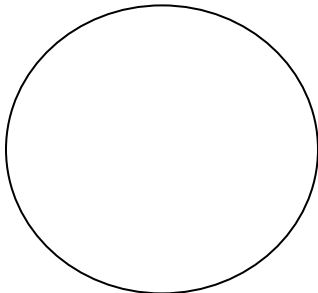
\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ = POWER

**How would each of the following individuals feel about American colonization? Fill in the facial expressions and the thought bubbles showing what each individual might be thinking.**

A Puritan  
From New  
England



An Enslaved  
African



A Native American

