

Life in the American Colonies

1620-1700

Southern Economy

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- Commercial Tobacco farming (Plantations)
- "Headright" System
 - Indentured Servants
- First African slaves arrived in 1619

Southern Society

- Plantations vs.
 Small Farms
- Agricultural way of life dominated by cash crops



Bacon's Rebellion (1676)



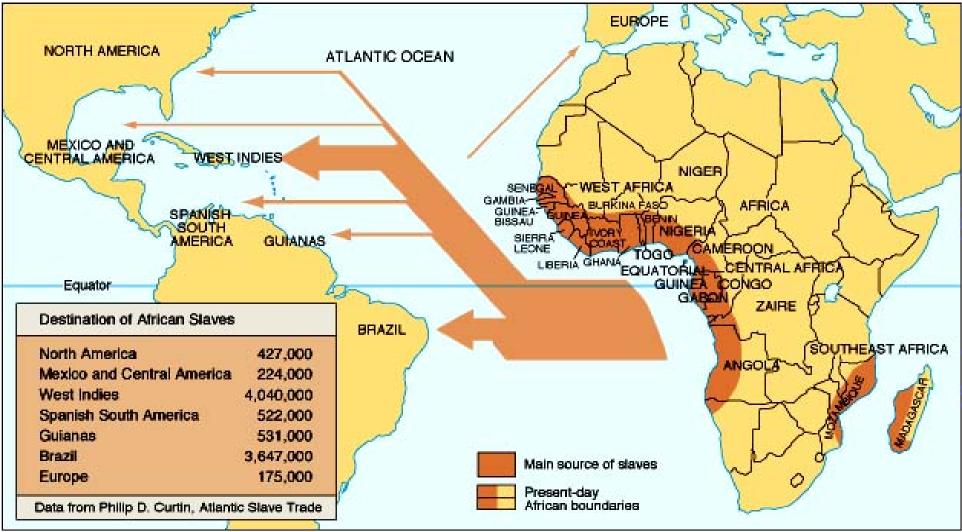
- Large numbers of frustrated freedmen (former indentured servants) existed
- Nathaniel Bacon, began mobilizing a militia
- Gov Berkley (VA) had a friendly relationship w/ natives and refused to stop raiding on frontiers

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- In 1676, Bacon's militia massacred Indians and set fire to Jamestown, chasing Governor Berkeley out of the city
- Bacon subsequently died of disease and Berkeley crushed the rebellion
- Turn to slaves for labor on the tobacco plantation



African Slave Trade





African Slave Trade

- Middle Passage (20% mortality rate)
- Black Codes:
 - Illegal to teach slaves to read
 - **Chattel Slavery**
- Stono River Revolt



Northern Society

- Puritan New England
 - Congregational Church government
 - Townhall Meetings
 - Disputes about land use
- Half-Way Covenant
 Elect & Non-Elect

