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Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

- adobe** building material or brick made of sun-dried earth and straw
- agrarian economy** economic system based on making money by growing crops
- banish** to formally and legally remove from a place and not allow to return
- breadbasket** refers to a region that can produce a lot of food and provide it to others
- cash crop** a crop grown by a farmer for sale, not personal use
- chattel** possession or property
- commercial economy** economic system based on making money by buying and selling things
- conquistadors** Spanish military leaders who conquered the Native Americans of Central and South America
- consent of the governed** people agreeing to be governed, making decisions in government, and selecting their own leaders
- democratic** type of government or rule where the power comes from the people

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French and Indian War war between England and France from 1754 to 1763 for control of North America that eliminated France as a rival in North America; known in Europe as Seven Years' War

indentured servants people who agreed to work for employers for a certain period of time, often in return for travel expenses, shelter, and food

Jamestown first surviving British colony established in 1607 by the Virginia Company in what today is Virginia

joint-stock company a business in which individuals invest their money for a common purpose

land bridge frozen water and land which connected the continents of Asia and North America

Mayflower Compact written agreement signed aboard the *Mayflower* by the Pilgrims of the colony of Plymouth to be ruled by a democratic government and recognizing the king of England as their monarch

Northwest Passage inland water route from the east coast of North America to the Pacific, and thus to the Orient

persecute to treat someone or a group in a cruel and unjust way

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- Pilgrims** a group of religious reformers who fled England to seek religious freedom; established first permanent colony in New England at Plymouth in what is now Massachusetts
- Pocahontas**
(poh-kuh-HÓNÑ-tuss) daughter of chief Powhatan; married Virginia colonist John Rolfe
- Powhatan** (pow-uh-TÁN) chief of the Powhatan tribe and head of the Powhatan confederacy of tribes; a group of Native Americans that lived in eastern Virginia at the time of the first English settlements in that area
- pre-Columbian era** the time period in North America before the discovery of the New World by Columbus
- Puritans** members of a Protestant group who wanted to eliminate all traces of Roman Catholic rituals and traditions in the Church of England; many later settled in the colonies to avoid persecution in England
- Roanoke Island** an island off the northeast coast of North Carolina; site of the English settlement founded in 1587 by Sir Walter Raleigh that disappeared without a trace
- salutary neglect** period when English regulations were relaxed in return for the colonies' continued economic support

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- scurvy** disease caused by lack of ascorbic acid (or vitamin C), characterized by spongy gums, loosening of teeth, and bleeding skin and mucous membranes
- starving time** period early in a colony's existence when many people died because they lacked food and protection
- tariff** tax or duty that a government charges on imports or goods coming into a country
- vice-admiralty courts** military courts created by the English Parliament to try colonists without a jury of their peers, violated the colonists' rights as Englishmen

Who's Who in America from Exploration through Colonization

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| Christopher Columbus | Juan Ponce de León |
| Franciso Vásquez de Coronado | Chief Powhatan |
| Hernán Cortés | Walter Raleigh |
| Hernando de Soto | John Rolfe |
| Leif Ericson | John Smith |
| Anne Hutchinson | Squanto |
| King James I | Roger Williams |
| Pocahontas | |