

# The First Cash Crop



# Partner Turn & Talk:

## *What is a Cash Crop?*

**Cash Crop = something that is grown to sell and make money, and not to be used by the person growing it.**

Cash Crops usually make lots and lots of money!



# TOBACCO

In 1612, John Rolfe creates the first crop of tobacco in the colonies.

Rolfe's tobacco becomes a Cash Crop, and makes the Virginia Company very rich!!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9ZZLSRbZ9s> (6:10 – 9:54)



# TOBACCO



# Jamestown and Beyond

- Under John Smith's leadership, Jamestown prospers and more settlers arrive from England.
- More and more colonies begin springing up along the east coast:
  - New England Colonies (New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut)
  - Middle Colonies (New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware)
  - Southern Colonies (Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia)



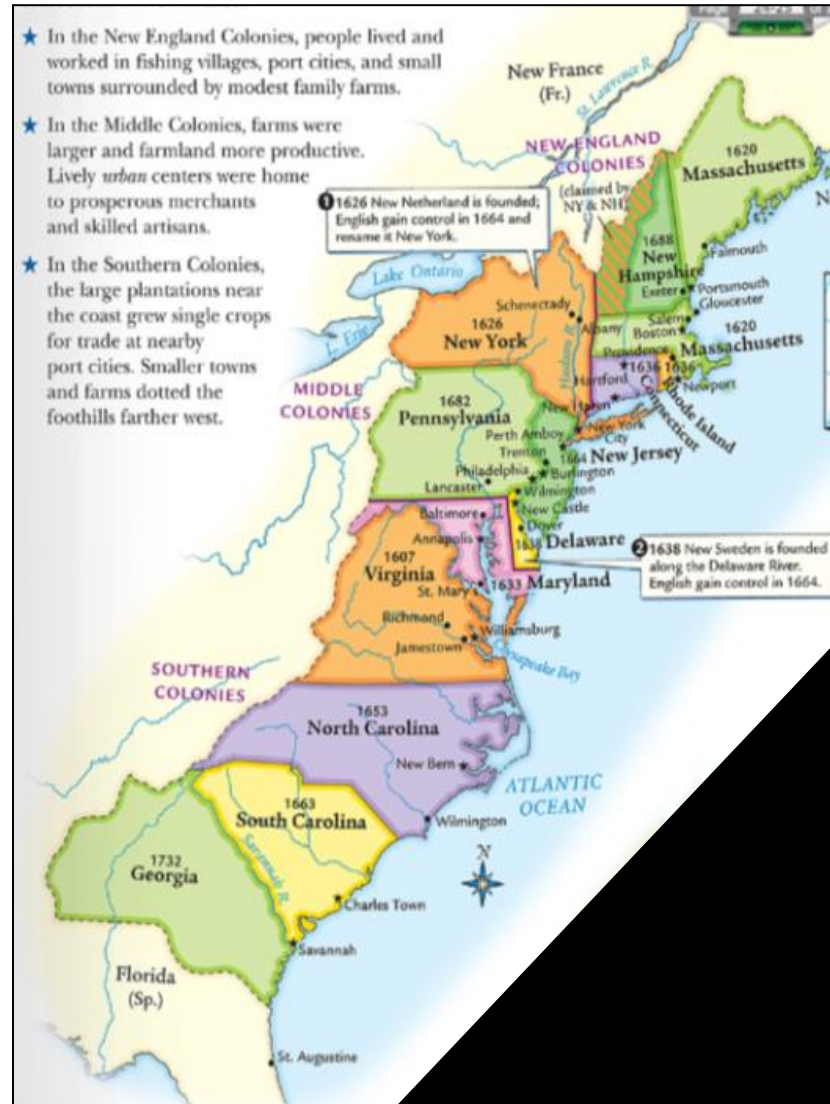
# THE HOUSE OF BURGESSSES

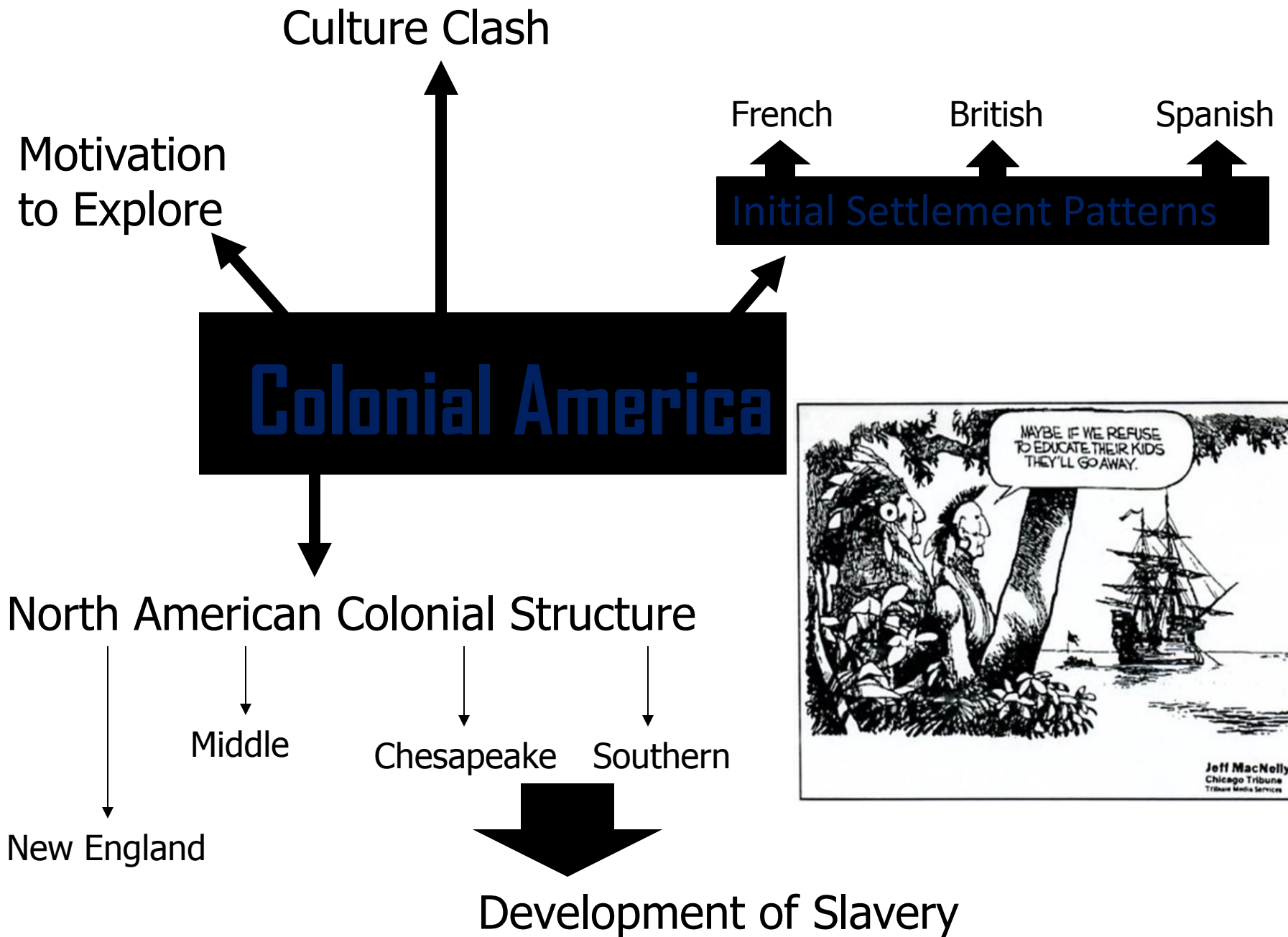
- Established in 1619 so colonists could make their own laws.
- The House of Burgesses becomes the first representative government in America.



# The Settlement of America

- From 1607 to 1733, **England** established **13 colonies** in America.
- The colonies were very different and lacked **unity**.
  - *What does unity mean?*







# 13 Colonies



## NEW ENGLAND COLONIES

- Maine
- New Hampshire
- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island
- Connecticut

## MIDDLE COLONIES

- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Delaware

## SOUTHERN COLONIES

- Maryland
- Virginia
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Georgia

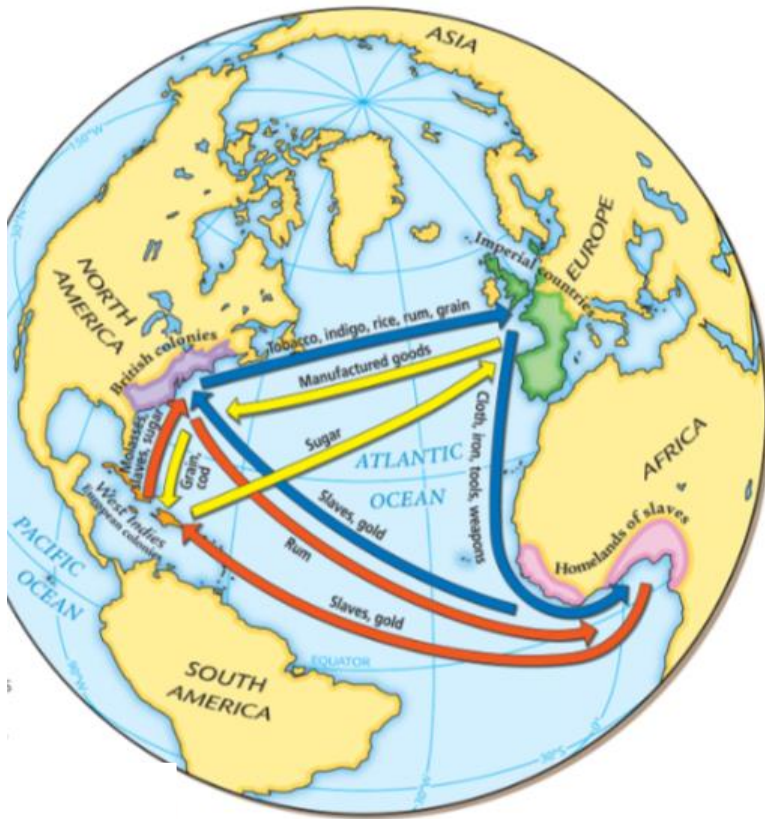
Legend:

- New England colonies
- Middle colonies
- Southern colonies

Scale: 0, 100, 200 Miles / 0, 100, 200 Kilometers



# Economics and Government in Colonial America



England wanted to make a lot of money from the colonies. England used the natural resources from the colonies to make new products.

Even though England became very rich from trading with the colonies, the colonies also became rich too!



# Economics and Government in Colonial America

England **allowed colonists the *freedom* to make their own laws** and do business and trade the way they wanted (as long as England made money).

Americans created their own ***colonial assemblies*** and enjoyed ***self-government***.

