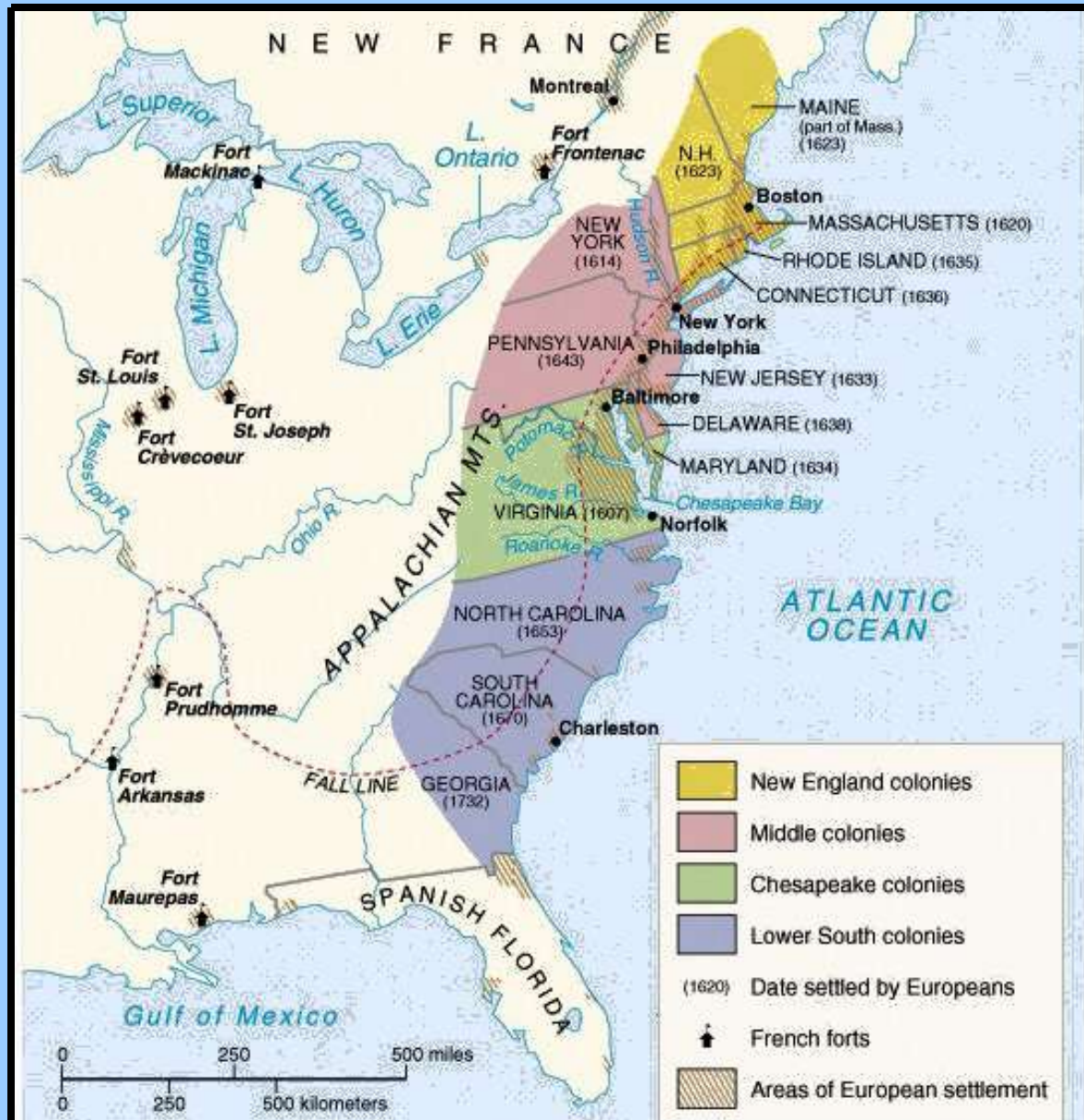




■ Essential Question:

- What are the differences among the Chesapeake, New England, Middle, & Southern colonies?

The Virginia Colony



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Excellent fruites by Planting in
VIRGINIA.

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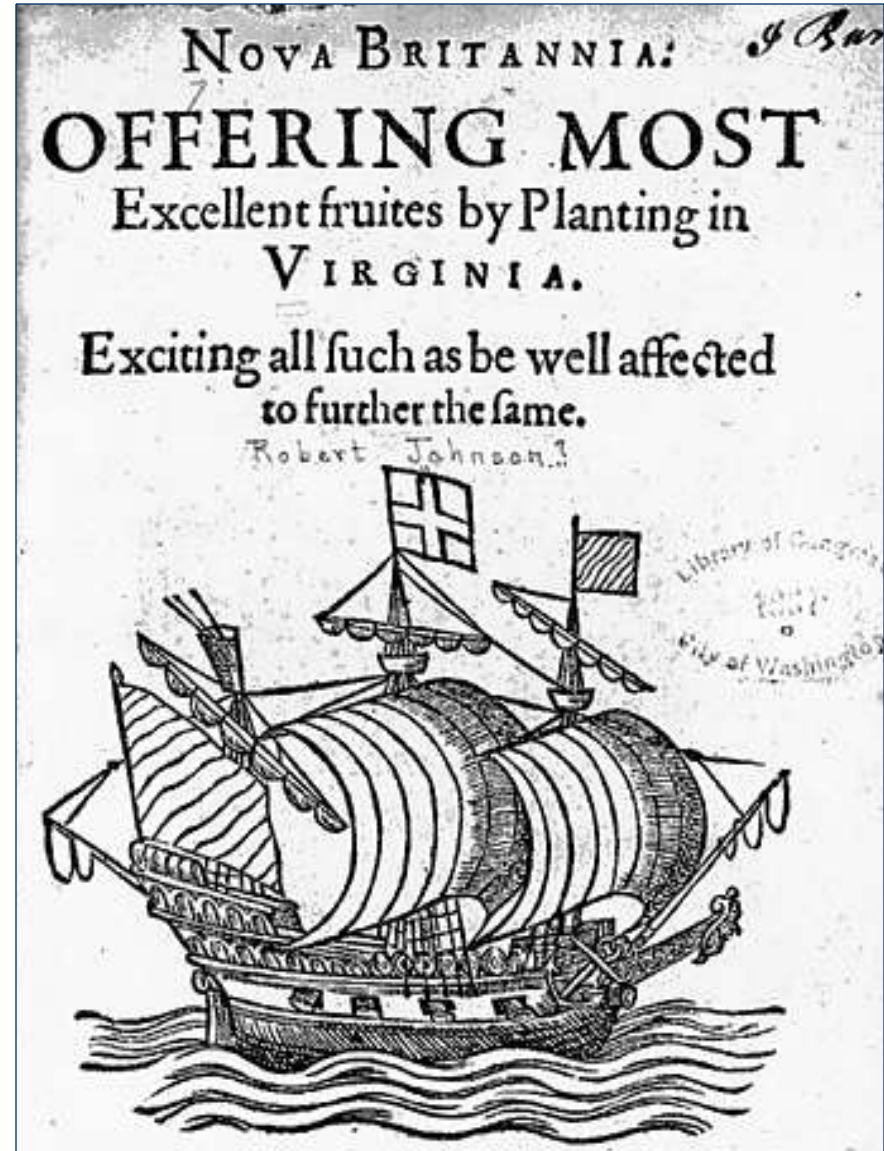


What does this advertisement reveal about the Jamestown colony?

Unlike the Spanish & French, the British colonies were not funded or strictly controlled by the king:

Joint-stock companies were formed by entrepreneurs in Britain who hoped to profit by establishing a colony

Once a charter was gained from the king, the company could maintain a colony in the New World

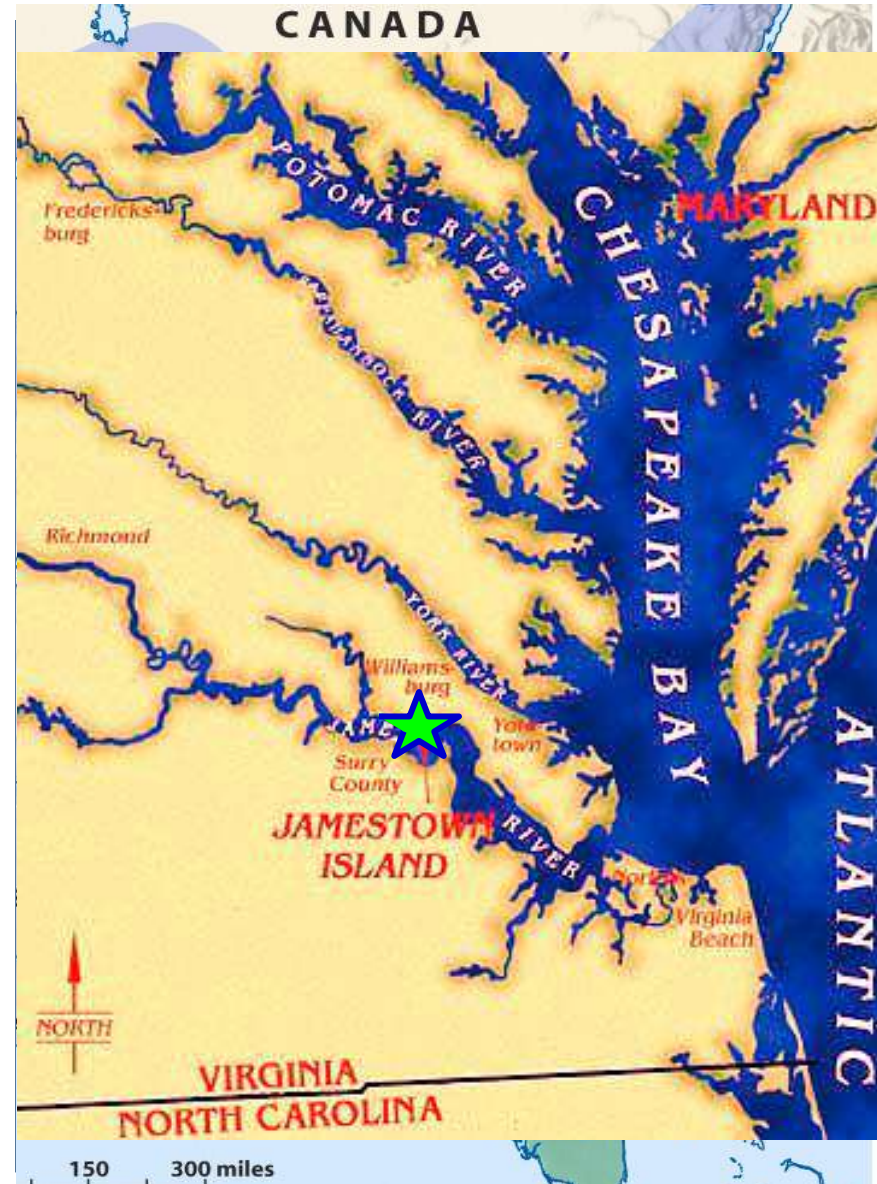


Jamestown, Virginia

In 1606, the Virginia Company was formed by investors hoping to find gold in the New World

In 1607, settlers founded Jamestown, which became the first permanent British colony in America

Jamestown was founded along the Chesapeake Bay in present-day Virginia

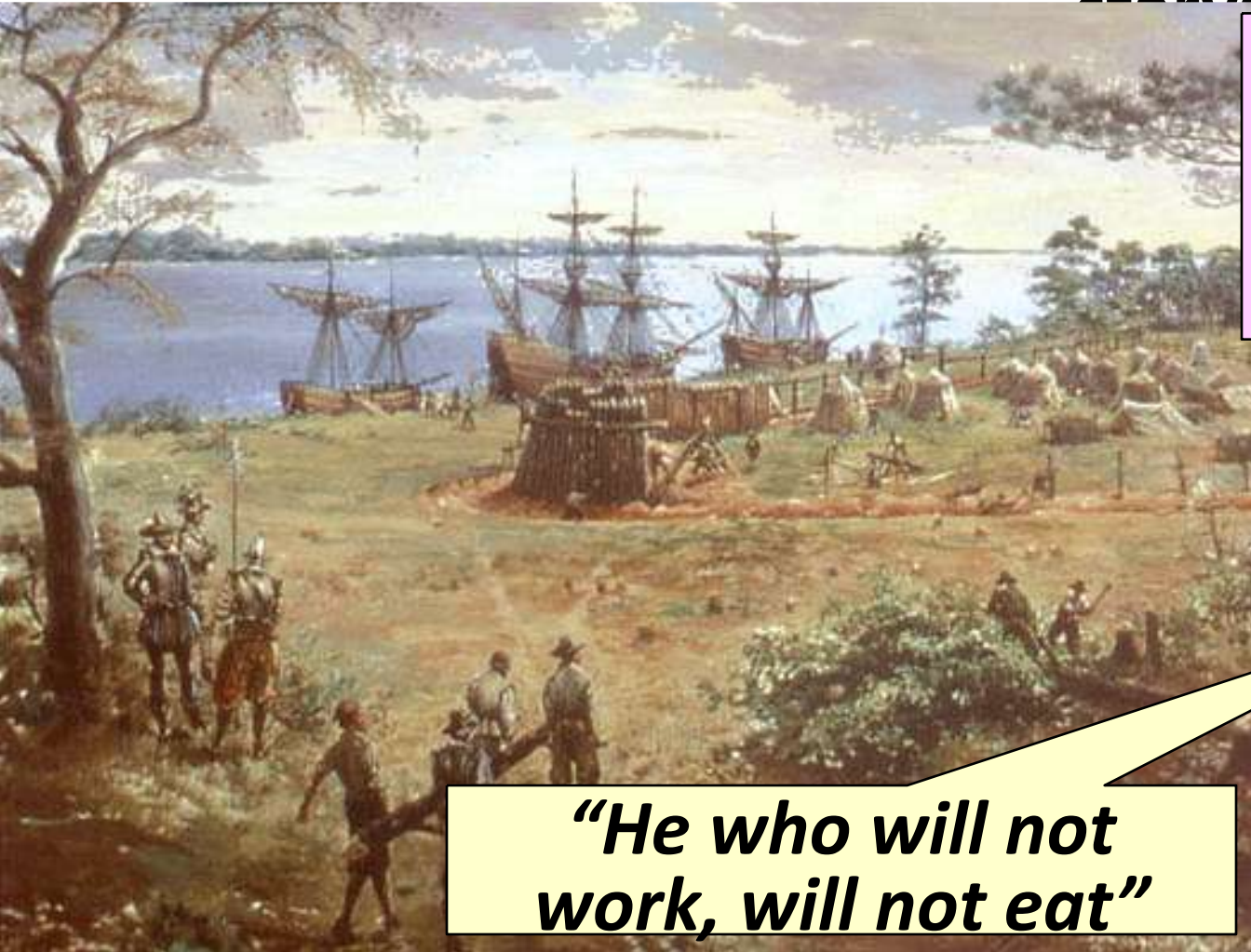


What were some possible advantages of this location? Disadvantages?



Settlers built a fort, but struggled to survive in their first years in America

Settlers arrived looking for gold so they did not prepare to stay long in America; They did not plant crops & faced starvation



John Smith took control & forced settlers to farm



“He who will not work, will not eat”

Colonists lived in each.

like early in its history.

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Jamestown was located on a swamp & led to outbreaks of disease among

Jamestown was located in territory controlled by the Powhatan Indians who attacked the settlement



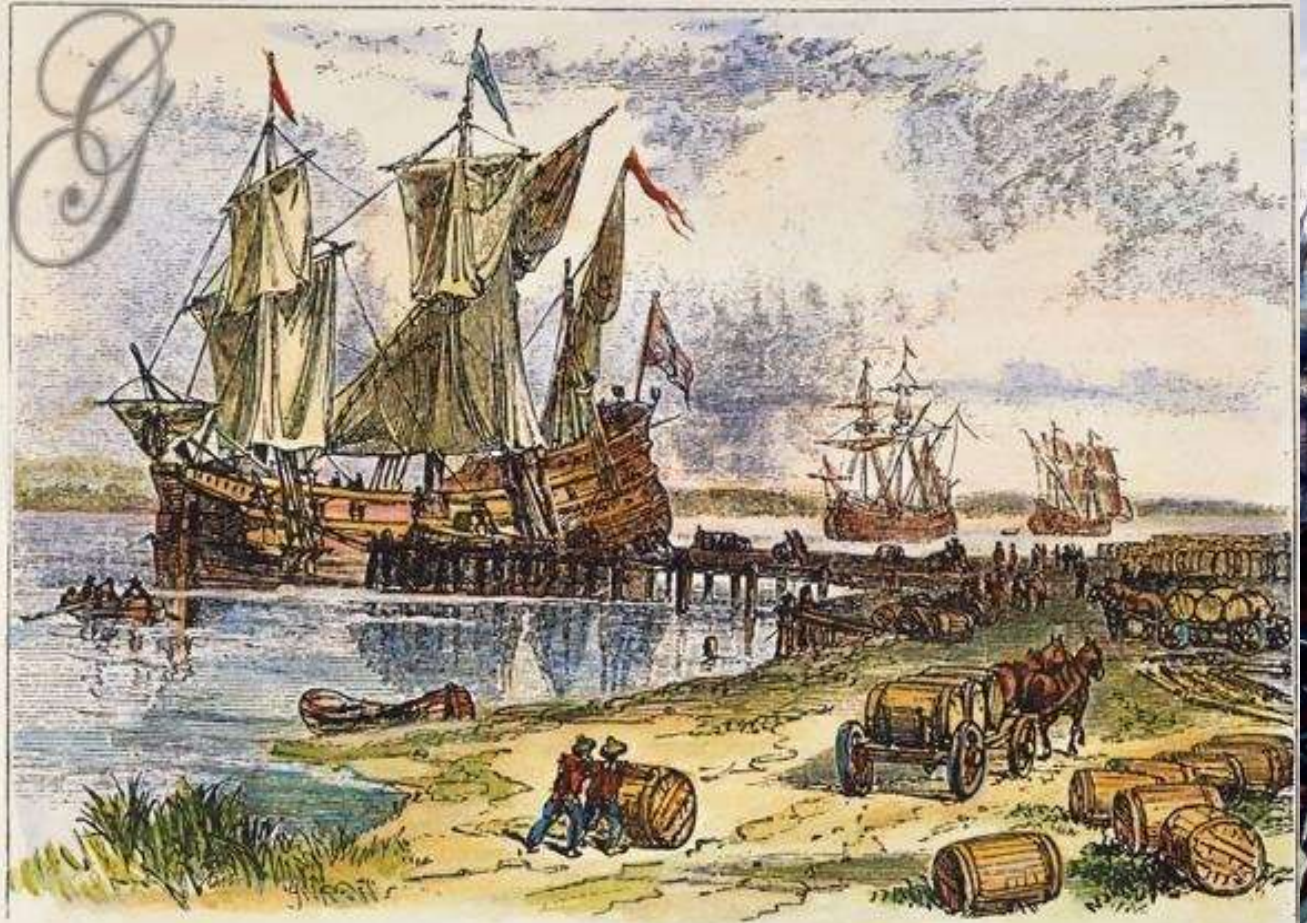
What does this image reveal about Jamestown?



After the Jamestown colonists failed to find gold, the joint-stock investors demanded that colonists

In 1612, John Rolfe introduced tobacco in Jamestown which was popular in Europe & made investors money

find a way to make money



Tobacco Ships in the James.



Tobacco became so profitable that colonists planted more, built large plantations, & expanded to find new land

for farming
Due to the success of tobacco,
the Jamestown settlement
expanded into the Virginia colony

The London Company

wants settlers to go to
Virginia

Free Land!
Free ship fare!

sign up now to work
for a Virginia Planter

Work for 7 years to pay
back the planter for your
fare to Virginia. After
7 years you will receive
Land, clothing, some live-
stock and tools.

Come! Be an indentured
servant. Then start a
life of your own!

**Tobacco created a need
for field laborers to plant
& pick the tobacco**

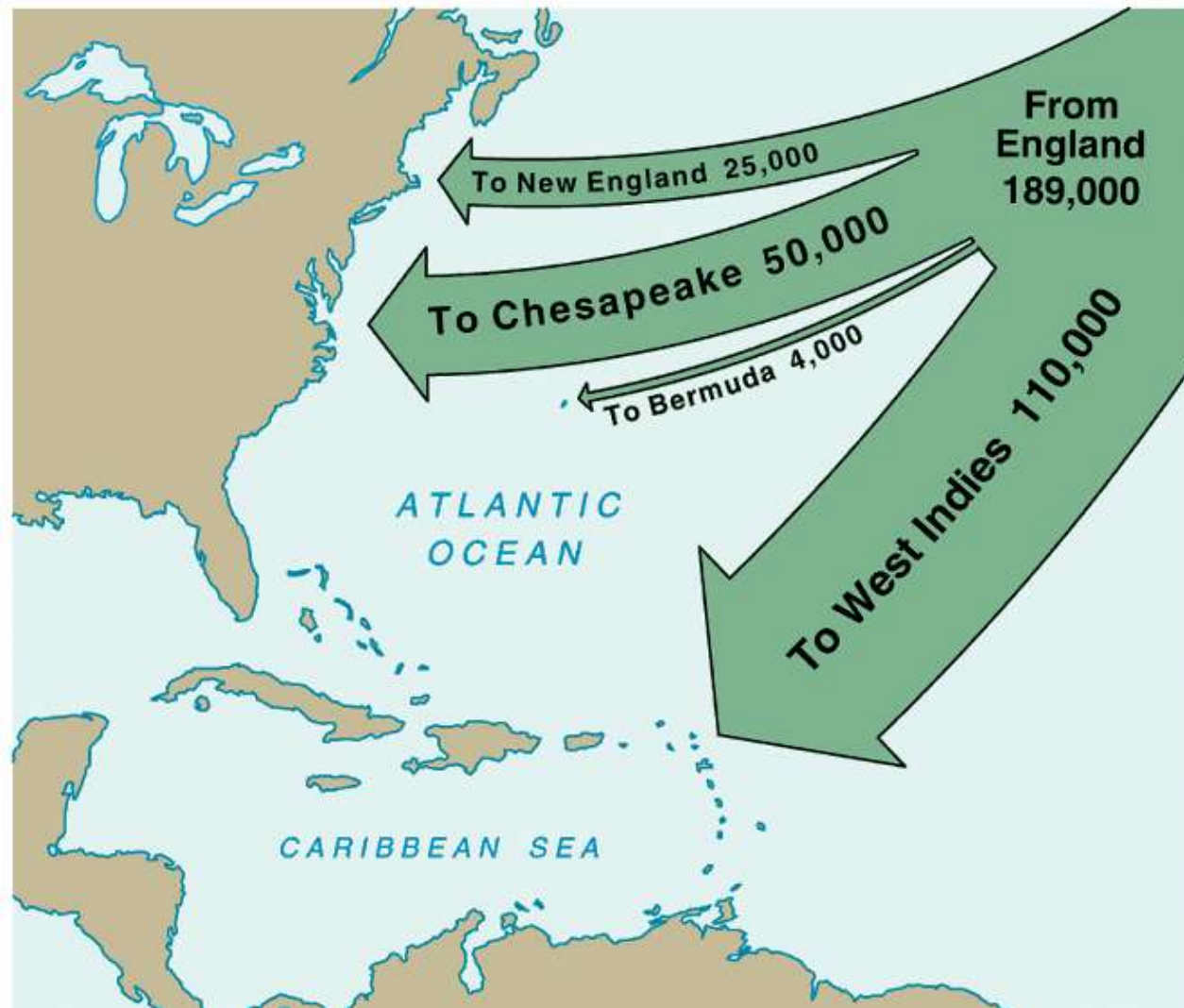
**To meet the demand for
workers, landowners in
Virginia used indentured
servants from England**

**Indentured servants were
typically poor men or
women who agreed to
work for a land owner for
4 to 7 years in exchange
for their travel to America**

In 1618, Virginia introduced the headright system which gave 50 acres to anyone who brought an indentured servant to America

The large population of poor people in Britain led thousands of people to immigrating as indentured servants by

1700
Indentured servants were worked hard, treated badly, & many died before their contracts ended



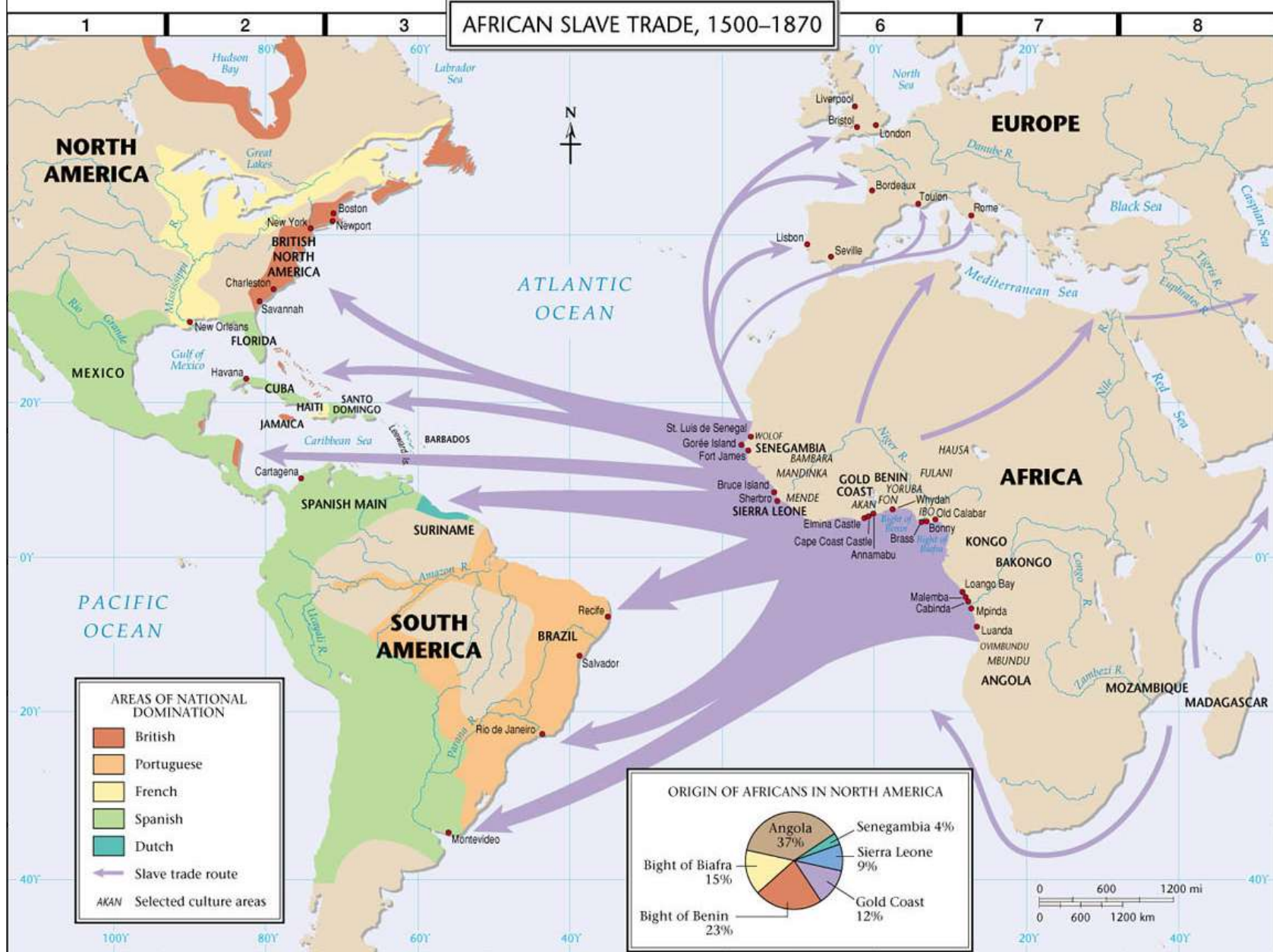


0060970 JAMESTOWN: SLAVERY, 1619.

In addition to indentured servants, Virginia landowners also used African slaves who were first brought to Jamestown in 1619

In the mid-1600s, fewer indentured servants came to America as the British economy improved; As a result, African slavery replaced indentured servitude as the dominant labor system in Virginia

AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE, 1500-1870



African slaves were transported from Africa to America on slave ships across the “Middle

Slave auction upon arrival in America



Social Hierarchy in the Chesapeake

Owners of tobacco plantations were at the top of

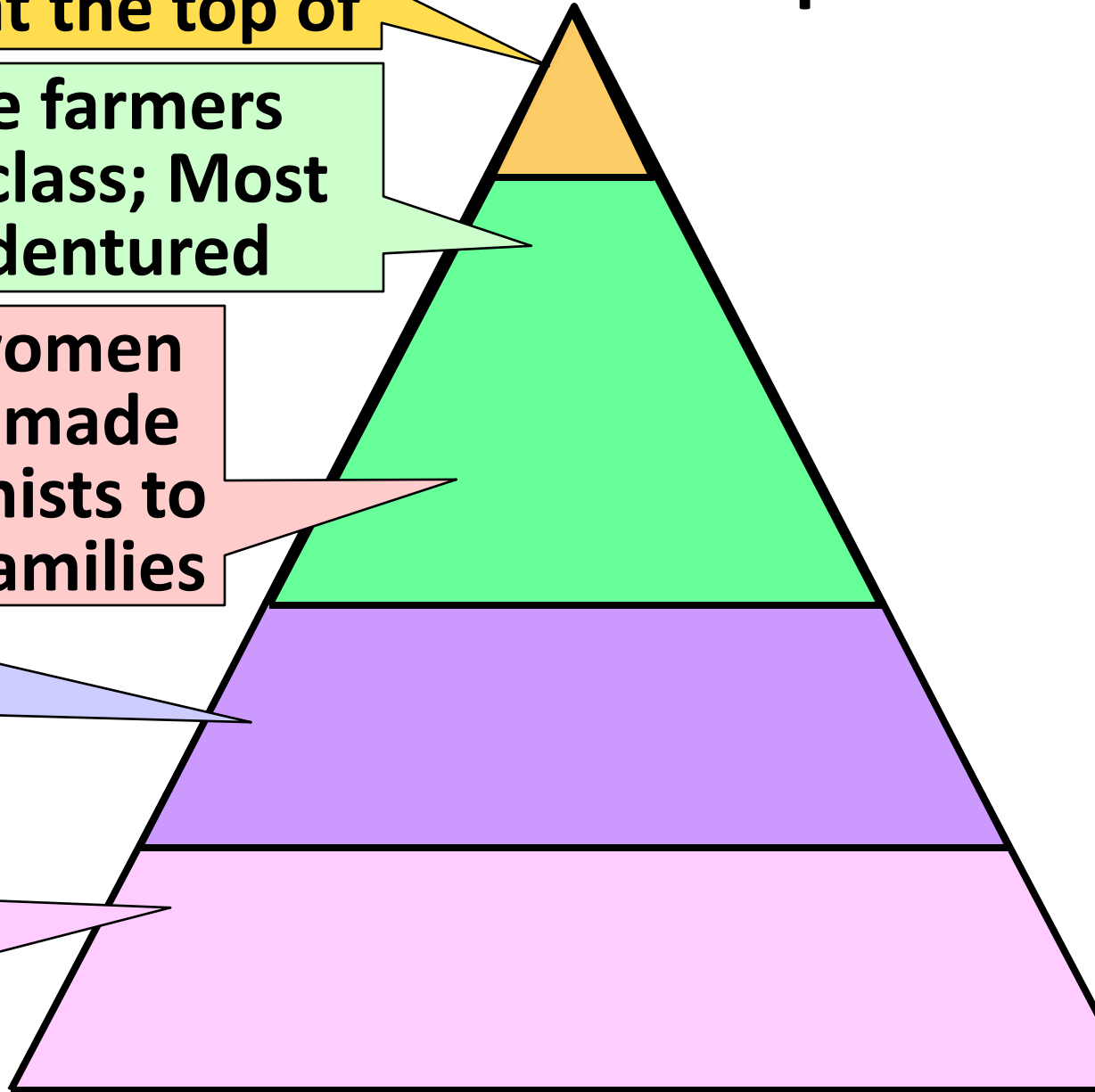
Poor, small-scale farmers were the largest class; Most were former indentured

There were few women in Virginia, which made it difficult for colonists to marry or to have families

Indentured servants were often mistreated

African slaves were at the bottom of

society



Why are these men gathered here?



Meeting of the Assembly in the Settlement of Virginia.

Virginia colonists needed laws to maintain order but the British government was thousands of miles across the Atlantic Ocean

In 1619, Virginians formed the House of Burgesses which was the first legislative assembly in America

Virginia was a royal colony so it had a governor chosen by the king, but the House of Burgesses made the important decisions regarding taxes & laws



Meeting of the Assembly in the Settlement of Virginia.

Even though the leaders of the House of Burgesses were elected, they were rich planters who did not always represent the poor farmers of the colony

Former indentured servants in western Virginia suffered from low tobacco prices & frequent Indian attacks

Poor farmers, led by Nathaniel Bacon, blamed Virginia's governor for not protecting them &

Bacon's Rebellion proved to rich Virginians that slaves were better than indentured servants because slaves would never ask for land



Closure Activity

Why would an indentured servant
sell himself into bondage?

(Understanding Economics in U.S. History, Lesson 5)