# Chapter Two

# When Worlds Collide, 1492–1590

# Part One

# Introduction



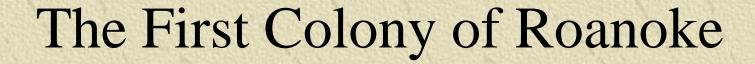
- \* What was the European background of American colonization?
- How did the Spanish create a New World empire and extend it into North America?
- \* What was the large-scale intercontinental exchange of peoples, crops, animals, and diseases?
- \* What was the French role in the beginnings of the North American fur trade?
- How did the English create their first overseas colonies in Ireland and America?

#### Part Two

# The English and Algonquians at Roanoke

# American Communities: The English and Algonquians at Roanoke

\* How did European imperialist goals create conflicts with Indians?



- \* Map: The Roanoke Colony in 1585
- \*\* Colony off the North Carolina coast founded by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1585
- Goal was to find wealth: furs, gold or silver, and plantation agriculture
- \* Indians seen as laborers
- Conflict with Algonquians led to abandonment of colony by English



- \* New colony set up in 1585 aiming for better relations with Algonquians.
- Conflicts occurred, leading to John White's return to England for support.
- \* Three years later, White returned to Roanoke.
- \* Found colony destroyed and no trace of colonists.
- \* Colonists may have created the first mixed community of English and Indians in North America.

## Part Three

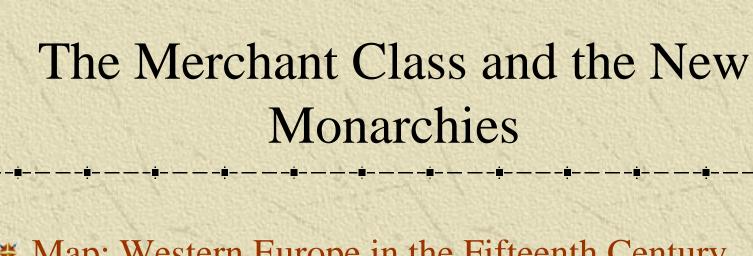
The Expansion of Europe

# European Communities

\*\* What characterized European communities?



- \* Agricultural society with many new advances in farming technology
- \* Feudal system divided land into small areas owned by landlords.
- \* Peasants paid tribute and performed labor.
- Majority of population Christian; small Jewish minority persecuted
- \* Harsh living conditions: famine prevalent.
- ★ Plague wiped out one-third of Europe's population, 1347–1353.



- \* Map: Western Europe in the Fifteenth Century
- European expansion fueled by population increase and commercial growth
- Western European states emerged with monarchs as centers of power
- \* Alliance between monarchies and merchants paved way for European expansion



- \* Intellectual and artistic flowering in Europe from the fourteenth to the sixteenth century
  - The Crusades stimulated Italian trade with Asia.
  - Compass, gunpowder, movable type were introduced to Europe.
  - Muslims reintroduced Greek and Roman learning to Europeans.
- \* The Renaissance celebrated human possibility.
- \* Inquisitive and acquisitive spirit of Renaissance helped motivate exploration.



- \* Prince Henry the Navigator established academy to train seafarers.
  - By the mid-fifteenth century most Europeans knew that the Earth was a spherical globe.
- \* Portuguese trading voyages tried to reach Indies by sailing around Africa.
- \* 1488: established several colonies and reached southern tip of Africa.
- \* Established Atlantic slave trade
- \* 1498: Vasco Da Gama sails around Africa to Indies.



\* Columbus planned to travel to the Indies by sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean.

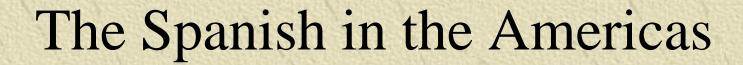
- \* In 1492, Spain agreed to finance Columbus
  - They were in need of new lands to conquer and plunder
- \* In October 1492, Columbus arrived at Caribbean islands.
- Columbus returned to Spain with talk of wealth and proposed inhabitants be enslaved.
  - "many spices and great mines of gold"
- \* Discovered clockwise circulation of Atlantic winds and currents.



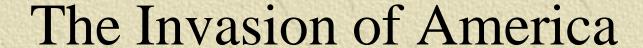
- \* Later Columbus voyages marked by violent slave raiding and obsession with gold
- \* Native populations were decimated and virtually eliminated by the 1520s.
  - Without slave population, colonies entered depression
  - Spanish were dissatisfied and ordered arrest of Columbus
- \* Columbus died in 1506 still thinking that he had opened the new way to the Indies.
- \* After sailing to the Caribbean in 1499, Amerigo Vespucci described lands as a New World.

## Part Four

# The Spanish in the Americas



- \* Map: The Invasion of America
- \*\* Who participated in the invasion of Americas?
- \* Where did they go?



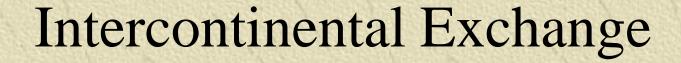
- \* Spanish armies marched across Caribbean islands, slaughtering inhabitants.
  - Encomienda system established
    - Indians labor and Spanish lords protect Indians
    - Turned into slave system
- \* In 1517, Spanish under Hernan Cortes reached Mexico, home of Aztec empire.
  - Aztecs dominated Central Mexico, extracting tribute and sacrificing human captives.
  - Cortes allied with subject peoples and conquered Aztec empire, aided by disease.
- \* Wealth was the driving force behind conquest



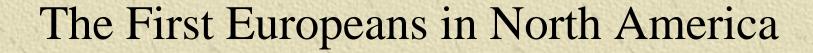
- \* Spanish horses, guns, and steel overcame Indian resistance.
- \* Las Casas blamed Spanish for cruelty and deaths of millions of Indians.
  - The "Black Legend"
- \* Only a small portion of the deaths can be attributed to warfare.
- \* Famine, lower birth rates, and epidemic diseases were largely responsible for the radical reduction in native populations.



- Chart: North America's Indian and Colonial Populations in the seventeenth and eighteenth Centuries
- \* The population of Mexico fell from 25 million in 1519 to one million a century later.
- \*\* By the twentieth century, native population had fallen by 90 percent.
- "Virgin Soil Epidemics"
  - Diseases were the greatest killer of Indians



- \* Exchanges between Old and New Worlds occurred
  - European diseases decimated Indian populations.
  - American precious metals
    - Runaway inflation
    - Stimulated commerce
    - Lowered standard of living for most Europeans
  - American crops to Europe- corn, potatoes, cotton, chocolate, tobacco
  - European crops to America- wheat, sugar, rice, horses, cattle



- In 1519, first of several unsuccessful colonization attempts failed in Florida.
- \* Europeans were searching for slaves and the rumored cities of wealth.
- \* In 1539, Hernan DeSoto traveled throughout South, spreading disease that depopulated and weakened Indian societies.
- \* In 1539, Francisco de Coronado searched for lost cities of gold in Southwest.
- \* Explorers failed to find great cities and turned back.



- \*By late sixteenth century, the Spanish had a powerful American empire.
- **200,000** Europeans and 125,000 Africans lived in Spanish colonies.
- \* Population was racially mixed.
- \*\* Council of the Indies governed empire but local autonomy prevailed.

### Part Five

# Northern Explorations and Encounters



- \* Abundant fish in Grand Banks of North Atlantic led Europeans to explore North American coastal waters.
- \* French were first to explore eastern North American and established claims to lands of Canada
- **European-Indian relations based on trade, especially furs.**
- Disease and wars over hunting grounds reduced Indian populations.
- Indians became dependent on European manufactured goods.



- \* German priest Martin Luther began the Protestant Reformation in 1517.
- Protestant John Calvin followers in France were called Huguenots.
  - Huguenots were largely merchants and members of the middle class.
  - Huguenots planted first French colonies in South Carolina and Florida in an effort to find religious refuge.
- \* French enjoyed good relations with Indians.
- \* Spanish destroyed French colony in Florida.



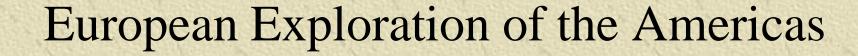
- \* Enclosure movement stimulated English colonization.
  - Expanded woolen trade and cost growing number of farmers their land, creating large unemployed population.
- \* King Henry VIII established the Protestant Church of England.
- "Bloody Mary" murdered hundreds of Protestants.
- Queen Elizabeth I encouraged supporters to subdue Irish Catholics to prevent any invasion efforts by Spain.
  - Brutal, vicious invasion led to conquest of Ireland, setting English pattern of colonization.



- \* English "Sea Dogs" raided Spanish New World fleets.
- \* Rivalry with Spain led Queen Elizabeth I to found colonies.
  - Colonies could provide bases to raid the Spanish, free England from reliance on trade with Asia, and provide a home for the homeless.
- \* Some colonization efforts failed including expeditions to Newfoundland and Roanoke.
- \* Spain became angry that the English were taking territory that had been set aside by the pope for Catholics.
  - Spanish Armada defeated by English fleet in 1588, halting Spanish monopoly on Americas.

# Part Six

# Conclusion



- \* Map: European Exploration, 1492–1591
- \* In the century after Columbus came to the Americas, Europeans had explored:
  - most of the Atlantic coast of North America;
  - much of the Pacific coast of North America; and
  - the interior of southeastern and southwestern North America.

## When Worlds Collide

\* Media: Chronology