

Chapter 1 –Winds and Wilderness

ORIGINS OF CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

J. Gutenberg - "invented" movable-type printing press, 1440 (first book was the Bible)

Martin Luther –nailed 95 theses to door of Wittenburg Chapel in 1517,
marking the beginning of the Protestant Reformation

John Calvin –Swiss Reformer, great theologian.

- "spiritual father" of Baptist, Reformed, Presbyterian,
many of whom settled the New World

Zwingli, Knox, Tyndale, others

EXPLORATION

Marco Polo (13th century)

- traveled to China
- met Kublai Khan (grandson of Genghis)
- his story inspired (seafaring) journeys to Orient
 - Leif Erickson –from Scandinavia
 - discovered America CA. 1000 (*CA = circa, about*)
 - Bartholomeu Dias –Portuguese explorer
 - discovered Cape of Good Hope (Africa) (*1488*)
 - Vasco da Gama (Portuguese)
 - sailed around Africa to India (*1498*)
 - Columbus –desired to go WEST to get to India
 - Portugal refused
 - Ferdinand & Isabella (K & Q of Spain) fund the (Italian) Columbus after Reconquista –
the removal of Moors from S. Spain (*Moors = N. African Muslims*)

1492 –Columbus sails

- lands in San Salvador (Bahamas) after near-mutiny
- Amerigo Vespucci realized Columbus discovered a new world
- a German mapmaker suggested the name "America" --!!

OTHERS

Vasco de Balboa –Pacific Ocean

Ferdinand Magellan –led 1st successful attempt to circumnavigate (sail around) the globe

Hernando Cortes –conquered the Aztecs ("conquistador")

- chief: Montezuma
- forced "conversions"
- gold for Spain

Hernando de Soto - discovered Mississippi River

Ponce de León

- sought Fountain of Youth
- discovered Florida

St. Augustine, FL –first permanent European settlement in present-day US

Spanish-English Rivalry:

Philip II -King of Spain (Catholic)

- enriched by S. American plunder
- sought to destroy Protestantism

Sir Francis Drake

- “Sea Dog”(pirate?) - plundered Spanish ships
- knighted by Queen Elizabeth I

DEFEAT OF SPANISH ARMADA (1588)

- marks beginning of decline of Spanish supremacy
- Philip II of Spain, Elizabeth I of England

Sir Walter Raleigh -

- ◆ Named the land "Virginia"
(i.e., Virginia = most of east coast) (i.e. = *id est, that is*)
- ◆ 1587- sent 100 settlers to establish VA colony of **Roanoke**
- ◆ Totally disappeared when he returned in 1591

Virginia Dare -first white Anglo-Saxon child born in America

Settlement of America by England:

Joint-Stock Company:
a business venture by a
(middle- class)
business partnership



London Company → Southern “Virginia”

Plymouth Company → Northern “Virginia”

Jamestown founded by London Co. in 1607

- first permanent English settlement
- Established “common -store system”
- (Socialist) all food kept in a common storehouse

John Smith -took over, established policy “ho work, no eat”

- Winter 1609 -1610 = “starving time;” Smith was absent; people almost left but new settlers came

Powhatan- Indian chief

- Pocahontas (12 yr. Old daughter)
 - saved John Smith’s life
 - married John Rolfe
- Introduced tobacco

“**Indentured servant**” paid for passage to N.W. by working 7 years for man who loaned him the money

Virginia became a Royal Colony when the London Co. didn’t generate the expected profits

House of Burgesses

- served as an “advising board” to governor
- set precedent of representative gov’t (first instance)

Precedent -an event that serves later on as an example

- Bacon’s Rebellion -colonists expect gov’t to protect them

difference between English colonies vs. those of Spain & France: (**KNOW THESE!!**)

- FREEDOM to rule themselves as they saw fit
 - *political freedom*
- FREEDOM to work for your own profit
 - *economic freedom*
- FREEDOM to worship God according to conscience
 - *religious freedom*