

Columbian Exchange: transfer of goods, diseases, ideas, and people from the Americas to Europe and vice versa

Maritime Advancements: astrolabe, caravel, Prince Henry the Navigator's School of Navigation (Portuguese)

Spanish Colonization

- Colonization was focused in South America, Caribbean, Mexico, FL, and SW region of N. America
- Focus was on converting the natives to Christianity, specifically **Catholicism**
 - **Encomienda System:** Spanish would enslave **natives** in order to use them to mine minerals and to work plantation-based agriculture with the end goal to **convert** them
- Caste-like system was put into place in order to keep social order among people
 - Peninsulares: plantation owners that own slaves
 - Creoles: small farm owners, owned land, few slaves
 - Mestizos / Mulattoes: landless whites, indentured servants
 - Native Americas / African Slaves: slaves
- First city in North America was St. Augustine, FL

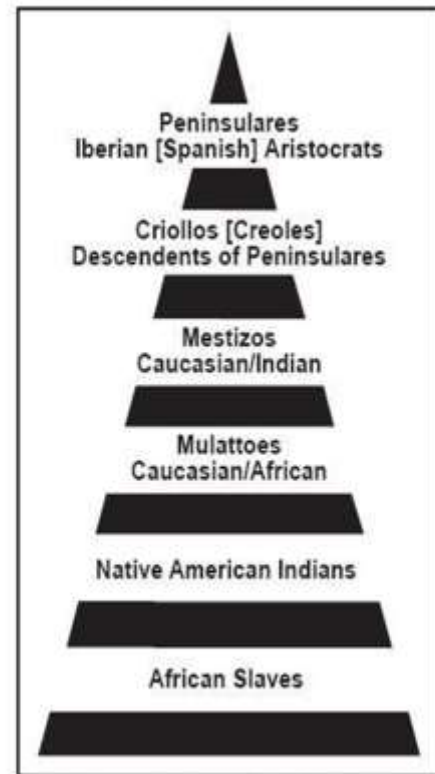
French Colonization

- Focused on the **Fur Trade** and interactions with the Iroquois natives
- Colonize along the St. Lawrence River (AKA Canada)

English Colonization

- Joint-Stock Companies: focused on making money in the colonies – initially looking for gold
- Roanoke Colony: founded by Sir Walter Raleigh in **1587**, but was a failure due to the mysterious ending of the colony. Once Raleigh returned, everyone had disappeared.
- Jamestown: King James I approved the founding of the colony, but once the crew arrived in **May 1607**, John Smith took over as the leader once the colony started to struggle during the winter.
 - Struggles include:
 - horrible location, lack of clean water, problems with diseases spread by mosquitoes, severe drought, and “lazy” colonists and unprepared for manual labor
 - Relationship with the Powhatan Confederacy
 - Chief Powhatan wanted to consolidate his power and conquer neighboring tribes so he thought that the colonists of Jamestown could help him do it due to their resources: traded food for guns and knives.
 - Eventually, the relationship broke down because of the marriage between **Pocahontas** and **John Rolfe**, the guy who started farming **tobacco**.

Social Classes in Spanish Colonies



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