

# First settlers: British colonies in America

What? **Roanoke** When? 1585 Where? NC ISLAND

Reasons/circumstances

CHARTER = ROYAL PERMISSION

What happened?

FIRST ENGLISHMAN: JOHN CABOT

FIRST SETTLEMENT FAILS; 1585 → NO FOOD → DRACE TAKES THEM HOME

SECOND SETTLEMENT: JOHN WHITE, NATURALIST, 1587

• RETURNS IN 1590: DESERTED

• CROATOAN → WHAT HAPPENED?

What? **Jamestown** When? 1606 Where? JAMESTOWN, VA

Reasons/circumstances

JOINT-STOCK COMPANY: THERE TO MAKE MONEY

WANT: MONEY/GOLD; PERM. SETTLEMENT; NW PASSAGE

What happened?

→ CAN'T FARM; HAVE NEVER "ROUGHED IT"

↑ YES: LAND GRANT

ROYALS AND LABORERS: ROYALS WANT RICHES, LABORERS WANT LAND / FREEDOM

• END UP BARELY ABLE TO SURVIVE; NO LEADERSHIP

JOHN SMITH WHIPS 'EM INTO SHAPE, ESTABLISHES WORK-FOR-FOOD ETHIC

• RELATIVELY FLOURISHING: CHURCH, FORT/WAREHOUSE, HOMES; TRADE W/ POW HATAN

• FOUND WAYS TO MAKE MONEY: GLASS, TAR/PITCH, ASH FOR SOAP

SMITH INJURED, LEAVES; "STARVING TIME" WINTER '06-'07 → TOBACCO OUTLET SLAVE VESSEL

What? **Plymouth** When? NOV. 1620 Where? PLYMOUTH, MA

Reasons/circumstances

PURITANS: CHURCH WASN'T STRICT ENOUGH: "PILGRIMS"

ONE IN SEVEN

What happened?

• AINED FOR VA; MISSED → BAD PLACE TO FARM (CONTRAST W/ JAMESTOWN)

• MAYFLOWER COMPACT → LEGAL AGREEMENT

• FAMILIES, NOT CONTRACTORS; WANTED MANY CHILDREN

• SQUANTO, A PATUXET FRIEND: FERTILIZER; LIAISON TO OTHER INDIANS; SPOKE ENGLISH

• INTERPRETER

• BY LATE 1621, FIRST THANKSGIVING

• STRICTER RELIGION; MORE EQUAL RIGHTS → UTOPIAN SOCIETY