

Indians, Indentured Servants,  
African Slaves, hire workers.  
Whatever shall we do? (R2)



HOW DID GEOGRAPHIC,  
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND  
SOCIAL FACTORS IMPACT THE  
GROWTH OF SLAVERY IN THE  
NEW WORLD?



# Columbus and Slavery

- Exported Indians as Slaves
- Encomienda System
- Portuguese Traders bring African Labor to supplant dying Native Slaves
- Spanish Priests try to protect Natives, but not Africans



# Colonial Slavery

- Most come from West Africa
  - sold by coastal tribes/taken from interior
  - 40% die coming in from interior
    - 50 Million Africans die after being enslaved during 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries
    - Of 10-15 million to come, 400,000 come to North America
  - 20% die during Middle Passage
  - Horrific conditions, chained by neck and extremities
    - Sold at auction ports – Charleston, Newport
    - Most come after 1700
  - rising wages in England slows Indentured Servitude
  - Royal African Company loses monopoly
  - Bacon's Rebellion
    - Half of Virginia's population is slave/2 to 1 ratio in South Carolina



# Slave Codes

- Africans grow in numbers/whites feel threatened
  - All blacks are property
  - No literacy for blacks
  - Conversion to Christianity does not merit freedom
  - Inherit black codes from Barbados-Spreads to other colonies / Stono Rebellion
  - Color line is drawn



# Slave Life

- Harsh in South/Less Harsh in Middle Colonies
  - Brutal on indigo and rice plantations
  - Need constant fresh slaves due to high death rate & over use
    - Tobacco in Middle South less deadly
  - Plantations are smaller, closer together
  - Field hands, house servants, craftsmen
  - Afforded slaves more contact with friends and relatives
  - Increase in females made family life possible
    - Increase slave pop through birth rate/no marriage
  - Slave culture is a mix of American and African Traditions
  - Gullah-blend of English and several African languages
  - Banjo & Bongo introduced
  - Ring shout dances – Leads to Jazz Music
  - Religion – combo of Christian and African rituals
  - Afterlife is better than present life



# Slave Rebellions

- Stono Rebellion
  - causes call for stricter controls
  - Barbados Codes introduced
  - Spain offers freedom to slaves in Georgia
  - Slaves kill 25 whites, massive retaliation
  - Some rebellions later (Nat Turner, Denmark Vesey), but white reaction prevents most rebellions due to harsh punishments

