

Why Colonists Came to New World

- ★ **Encouragement from Rulers/Countries.** European rulers sought colonies as new sources of wealth and power.
- ★ **Mercantilism.** Gold and silver were prized as a source of wealth. Nations measured a nation's wealth by the gold and silver they had.
- ★ **Religious Reasons.** Groups came to establish their own religious communities.
- ★ **Better Life.** Most colonists faced hardships in Europe. Saw colonies as a place to escape famine; offered economic opportunities.

Colonization of North America

- ★ **New Spain.**
 - Mexico, Cuba, Central America.
 - Missionaries sent to convert Indians.
 - Encomiendas: forced labor.
- ★ **New France.**
 - Canada, Great Lakes, Mississippi River.
 - Wanted to establish trading posts for furs.
- ★ **New Netherland.** Became NY in 1664.
 - Introduced the Patroon System.
- ★ **Thirteen British Colonies.**
 - Established colonies along Atlantic coast.

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Key Historic Documents

- ★ **Mayflower Compact (1620).**
 - Document by Pilgrims at Plymouth
 - Pledged themselves to self-government.
 - They agreed to form their own government and obey its laws.
- ★ **Fundamental Orders of Connecticut (1639).**
 - Led by Thomas Hooker; settlers in Connecticut established self-government.
 - Although not considered a constitution in the modern sense, the Orders were the basis of Connecticut government from 1639 to 1662.

Key Individuals

- ★ **Christopher Columbus.** Established Spain's first settlements in the New World.
- ★ **Robert de LaSalle.** Explored Great Lakes, St. Lawrence River, and Mississippi River.
- ★ **Henry Hudson.** Reached New York and sailed up river that bears his name.
- ★ **Hernando Cortés.** Spanish conqueror.
- ★ **Francisco Pizarro.** Spanish conqueror.
- ★ **Roger Williams.** Started colony at Rhode Island based on religious toleration.
- ★ **Lord Baltimore.** Began Maryland colony as a haven for England's Catholics.
- ★ **William Penn.** Founded Pennsylvania colony as a haven for Quakers.