Topics

• Review: European Settlements
• European-Indian Relations
• Protestant Reformation
• Jamestown & New England
Spanish Colonies

• Spanish Model: search for gold and slaves
  – Monarch tight control of colony
  – Few European women, multiracial population
  – Indians have a place in society
  – Mission

• 1565, Spain founds first successful settlement on mainland future United States—St. Augustine, Florida

• 1598, Spain starts royal colony of New Mexico
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Jamestown 1607

- In 1607 Virginia Company of London establish Jamestown
- John Smith leader of colony, forces settlers to work, popularizes the term New England
  - How does John Smith describe Virginia? *America Firsthand*
- Pocahontas marries John Rolfe
  - Tobacco cultivation and Exporting & Indentured servants
- 1619
  - 20 Africans slave arrive in Jamestown
  - House of Burgesses: local assembly
- 1622 Massacre
  - Pocahontas dies, Opechancanough attacks Jamestown
  - 25% of population dead
  - Jamestown policy of extermination
  - 1625 500 Powhatan Indians are left
Eastern North America, 1650

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Protestant Reformation

• In 1517 **Martin Luther** denounces indulgences and initiates Protestant Reformation, 95 Theses
• **John Calvin** and his followers emphasize doctrine of predestination
• European countries divide into rival Protestant and Catholic camps
The Religious Divisions of Europe, ca. 1555. Prior to 1520, all of Europe was Roman Catholic.
Protestant Reformation

• **King Henry VIII** proclaims himself head of separate Church of England (Anglican Church)
  – English Calvinists (**Puritans**) want to remove all vestiges of Catholicism, emphasize predestination, believe only the saved should belong to the church, bishops should be eliminated
New England

- Puritans: dissenters from the Church of England. They wanted to purify the church.
- Calvin’s Predestination: salvation by the grace of God
- “Saints” full members
- Queen Elizabeth threatened by Puritans
- Puritans divided into 2 groups
  - Separatists: Pilgrims
  - Non-Separatists
Mayflower Compact

• **IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.** We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our **dread Sovereign Lord King James**, by the Grace of God, of **Great Britain, France, and Ireland**, King, **Defender of the Faith**, &c. Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and **Advancement of the Christian Faith**, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of **Virginia**; Do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually, in the Presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid: And by Virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general Good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due Submission and Obedience. **IN WITNESS whereof** we have hereunto subscribed our names at **Cape-Cod** the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King James, of **England, France, and Ireland**, the eighteenth, and of **Scotland** the fifty-fourth, **Anno Domini**; 1620.
Mayflower Compact

1620, *Mayflower* lands 102 English men and women at
Plymouth, Massachusetts

Adult males sign Mayflower Compact establishing colony of
Plymouth Plantation and their own civil government and
pledging to abide by its laws.