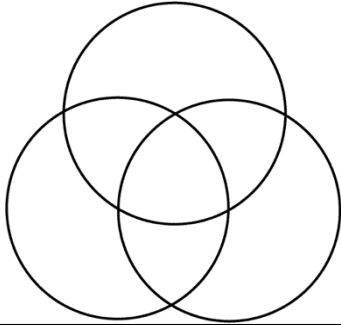


Life In The Colonies
CHAPTER 4.2 PLUS A LITTLE EXTRA...

DO NOW: CREATE A 3-RING VENN DIAGRAM COMPARING NEW ENGLAND, THE MIDDLE COLONIES, AND THE SOUTHERN COLONIES.



**NAVIGATION ACTS AND
MERCANTILISM**

- What is mercantilism?
 - an economic policy where nations gain wealth by establishing colonies and controlling trade
 - "Mother Country" controls the trade of her colonies in order to make money
 - In return, colonists are given the rights and protection that go along with being a citizen of the mother country
- What were the Navigation Acts?
 - Restricted New England merchants' trade; only with England and British colonies
- the Navigation Acts are a mercantilist policy

A Little Extra...

- MythBusting: America was founded to ensure religious freedom for everyone.
 - WRONG – Much of New England, Pennsylvania, and Maryland were established for religious freedom, but did not necessarily practice religious tolerance.
- LET'S GET SOME VOCAB...
 - Puritans – specific group of Protestants who wanted to “purify” the Anglican Church
 - Pilgrims – people who make a religious voyage
 - many Puritans were pilgrims
 - not all pilgrims are Puritans
 - the pilgrim does not have to stay where s/he goes
 - persecute – harass or treat harshly
 - Puritans were persecuted
 - Persecution could lead someone to become a Pilgrim

SOCIAL ORDER

- Gentry – wealthy planters, merchants, artisans, and royal officials
 - More merchants in high trade areas (NE and Middle Colonies)
 - More wealthy planters/plantation owners in “farming” areas (Southern and Middle Colonies)
- Middle Class – small planters and farmers, craftsmen/artisans
 - Largest class, very unlike England
 - apprentice – someone who learns a trade by working for someone in that trade for a period of time
- Indentured servant – people who signed a contract to work for 4-10 years in exchange for passage to the colonies
 - 1600s – most from England; 1700s – most from Ireland and Germany
 - Once service was paid, could buy land or trade → middle class
- Enslaved people – not considered colonists, many did not consider them people
 - Not all Black people were enslaved! About 1% were free

COLONIAL IDENTITY

- British or American? (support!)

- Historically, British colonists in America thought of themselves as **BRITISH FIRST**, then had loyalty to their colony not “America”.
