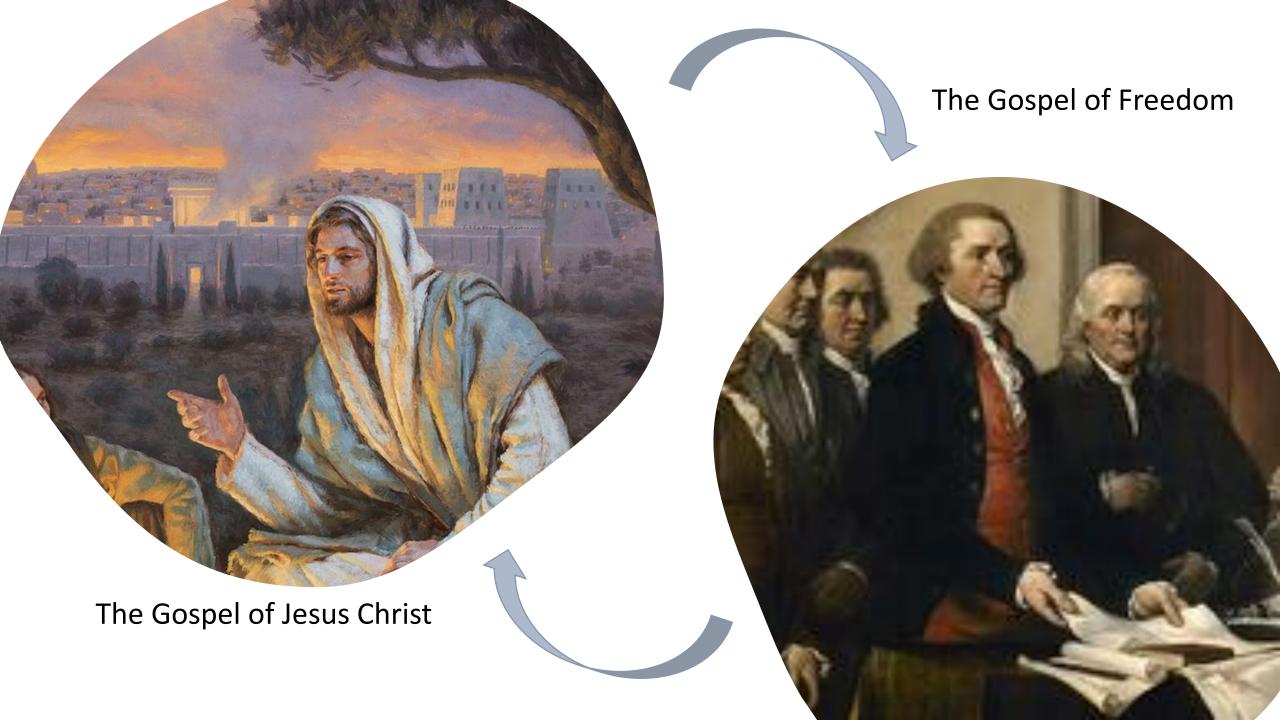


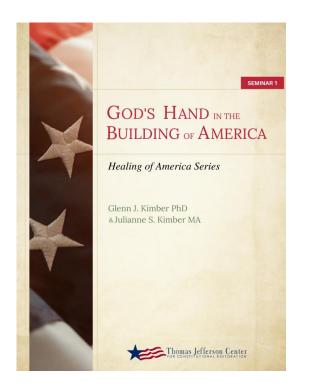


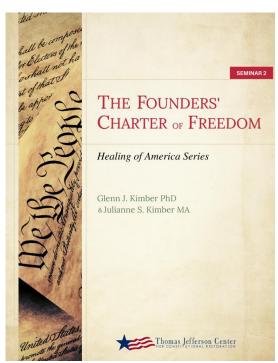
Ezra Taft Benson, Provo Freedom Festival, Marriott Center, June 29, 1986.

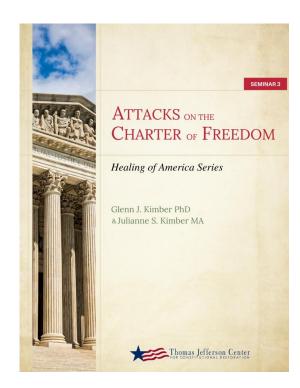
- Remember that Freedom comes from God, not government.
- Make *Quality Family Life* a High Priority.
- Study History and the Constitution from the Viewpoint of the Founding Fathers.
- Get involved and assume an active part in improving your family, community, and state.

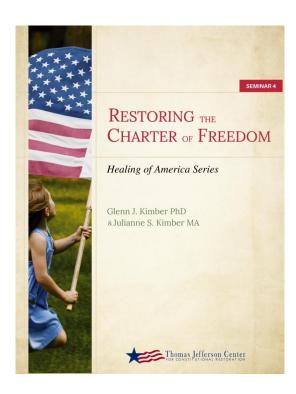


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God's Hand in the Building of America

Events and People Who Prepared the Way for Freedom

1400s

Search

freedom

England

Spain

France

for

in

1334 –

1352

AD

Black

Death

1600 Years of History

Jerusalem

Jews lose

homeland

their

Death of

Christ and

Apostles

the

611 AD Persians/Jews slaughter 324 AD Christians in Jerusalem Constantine 138 AD Council of Mohammed Nicea Rome Muslim Golden destroys Era of the Age (600 -

1400)

Early Saints

1187 AD The Crusades 1187 Jerusalem becomes an Islamic city Norman Conquest of England

1099 -

732 AD

Era of Arab

Expansion

Moors in

(beginning of

Battle of Tours

(turning point

in France

in History)

800 years of

Spain

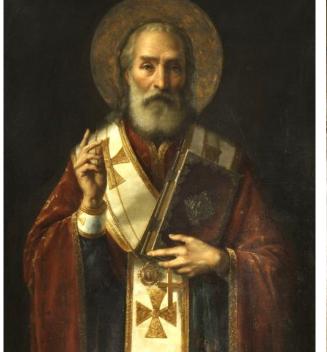
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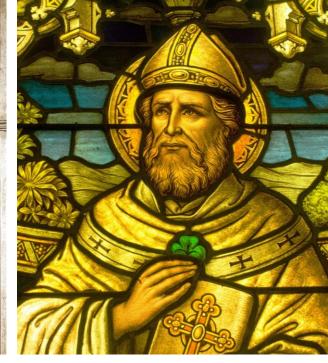
138 AD - Rome destroys Jerusalem

The Jewish population was largely exterminated or exiled. The Jews would no longer have a homeland for more than 1800 years – until 1948.





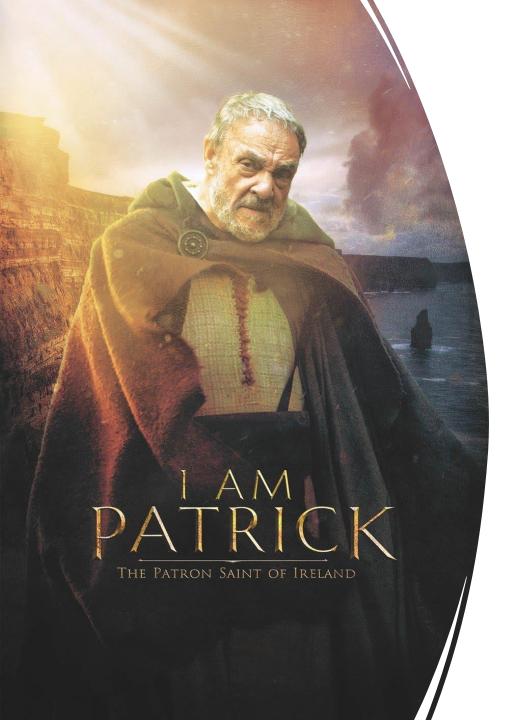




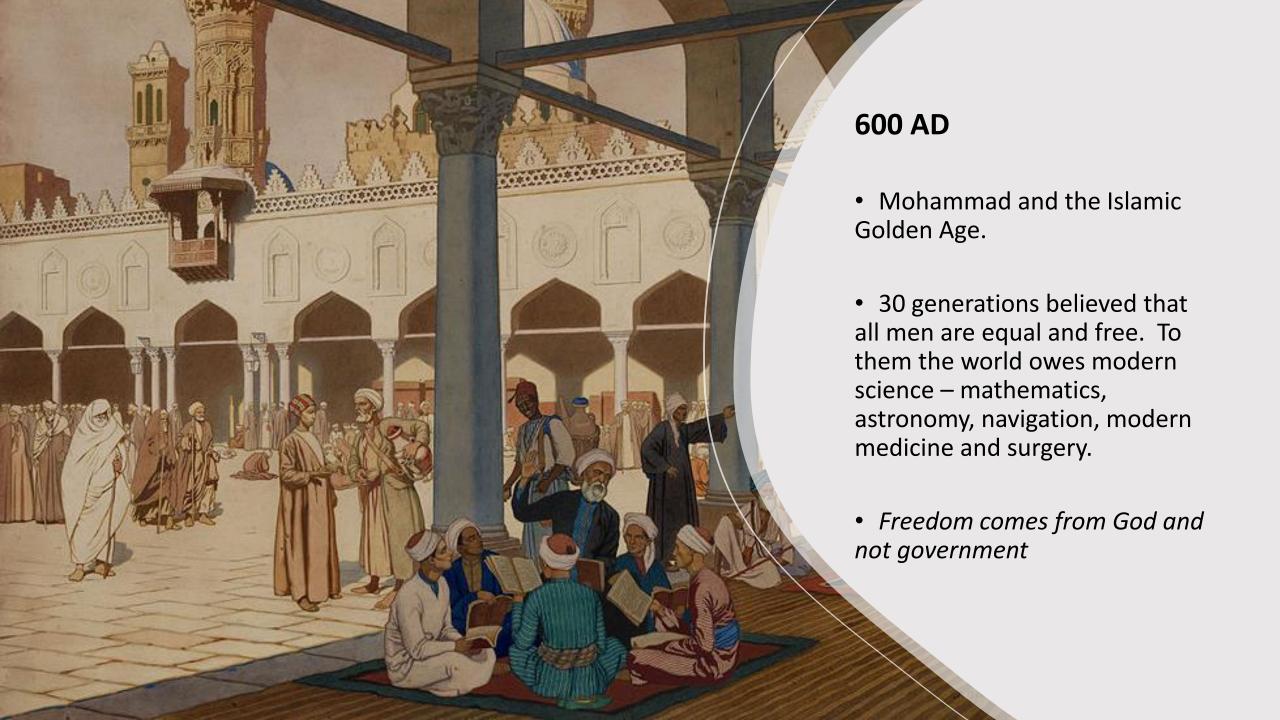


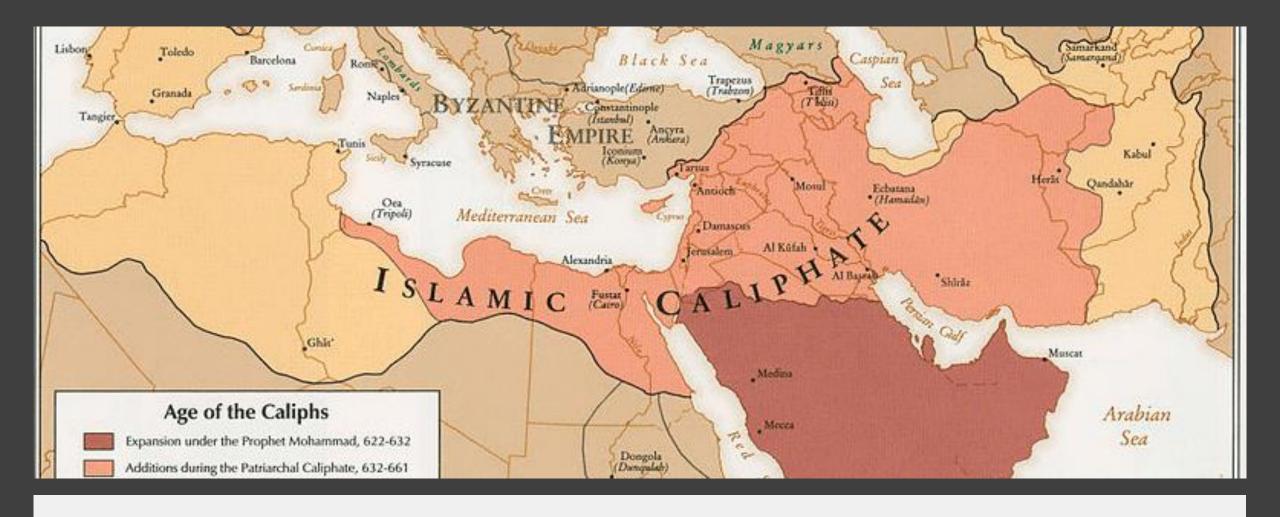
325 AD - Council of Nicea

Era of the Early Saints



• Recommended movie: Released March 2020





Islamic Expansion:

- **711 AD** Beginning of an 800-year war in Spain (Moors)
- **732 AD** Battle of Tours (France) Turning point in History.
- This battle determined that Christianity, rather than Islam would dominate Europe.



Meanwhile in Europe . . .

The Divine Right of Kings Ruler's Law

British Isles (410 – 1066 AD): Anglo Saxon Period

- Government resembled Ancient Israel
- Representative government
- People's Law
- Saxon (Isaac's Sons or Saac's Sons)
- BRT (Hebrew origin) Covenant
- King Alfred the Great





1066 AD: Battle of Hastings - Norman Conquest of England

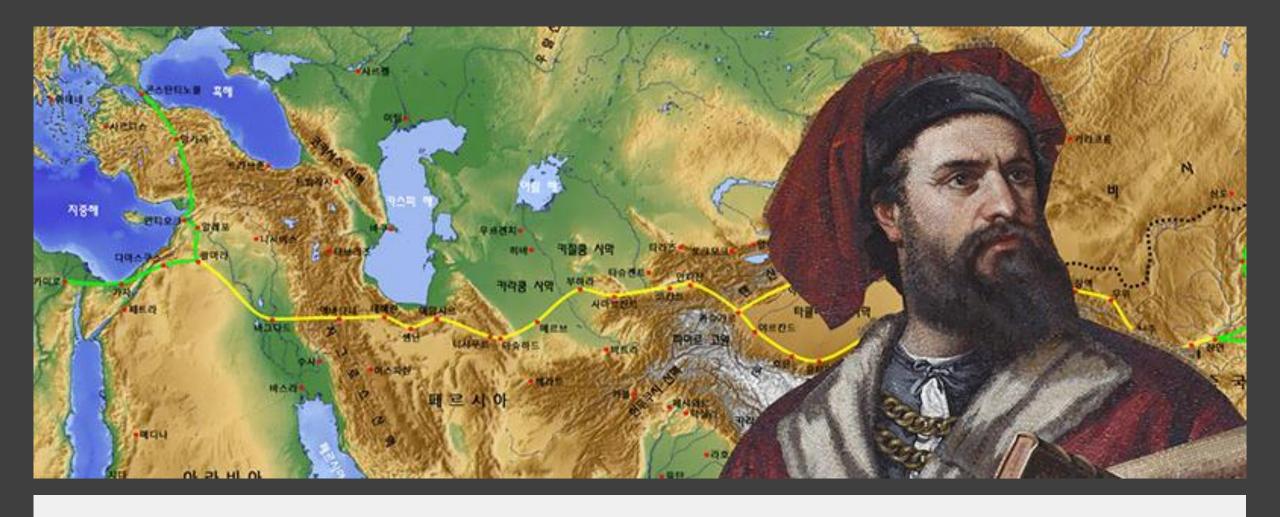
- Feudal law (Ruled by masters)
- Roman Civil Law (Ruled by judges)
- Canon Law (Ruled by the Church)



1215 AD

• English barons forced King John to sign the Magna Carta in which they itemized their rights.





1271 AD - Marco Polo

- The Crusades introduced Europeans to the luxuries of the Far East.
- Increased desire to find trade routes by land or by sea.



1334-1352 AD

- The Black Death 25-50% of the entire population was wiped out.
- An age of enlightenment or "Renaissance" begins





1412 – 1431 AD Joan of Arc - France

The situation in France was becoming more desperate with Orleans was raided in October 1428



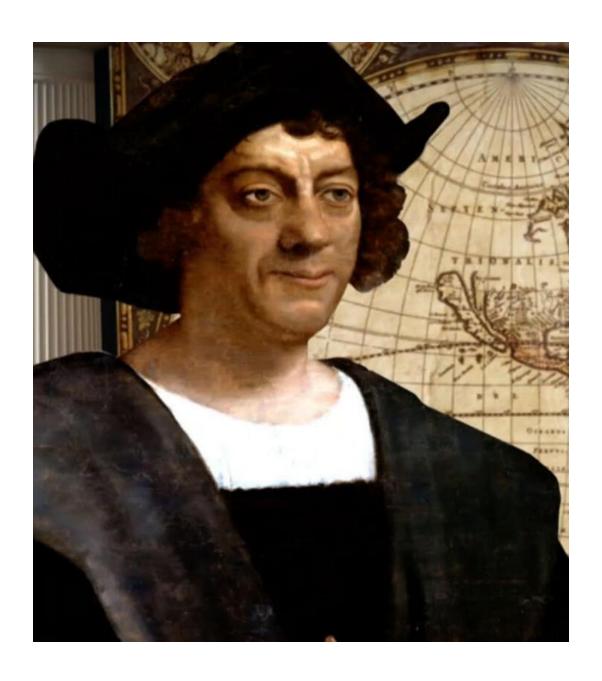


Joan presents herself to the King as instructed by her divine messengers

"I know this now. Every man gives his life for what he believes. Every woman gives her life for what she believes. Sometimes people believe in little or nothing and yet they give their lives to that little or nothing. One life is all we have, and we live it as we believe in living it and then it's gone. But to surrender what you are and live without belief is more terrible than dying, even more terrible than dying young."

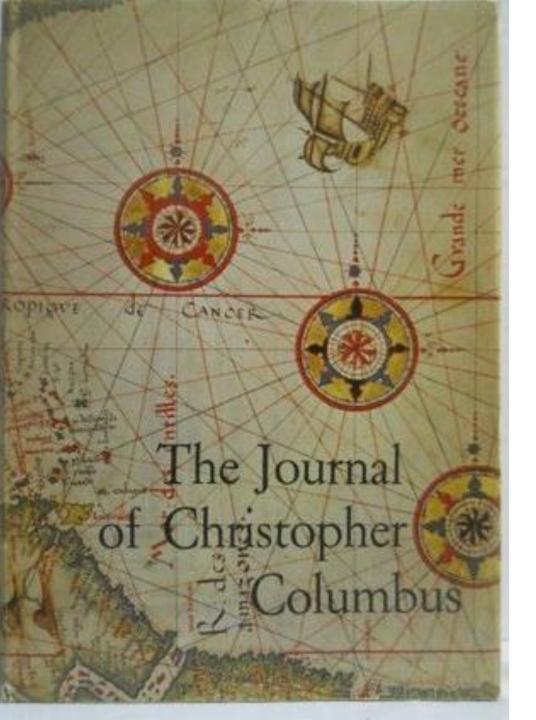
-Joan of Arc





Christopher Columbus

"At a very early age I began to navigate upon the seas, which I have continued to this day . . . I prayed to the most merciful Lord concerning my desire, and he gave me the spirit and the intelligence for it."



From his writings, we gain insight to Columbus' motivation and belief. He understood:

- 1. The reality of personal revelation given by the Holy Ghost
- 2. A great missionary work would commence with the settling of the New World
- 3. The importance of the temple and its restoration to the world in the last days.

In 1486, Columbus makes his appeal to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabelle of Spain



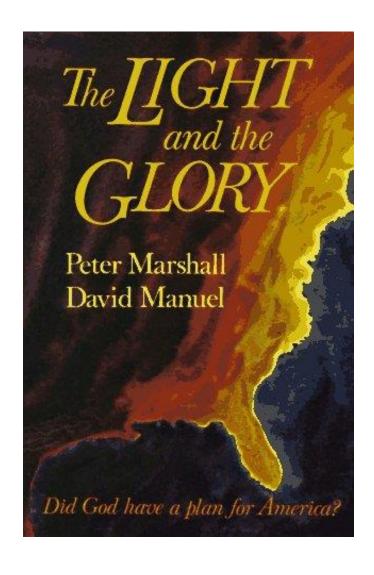


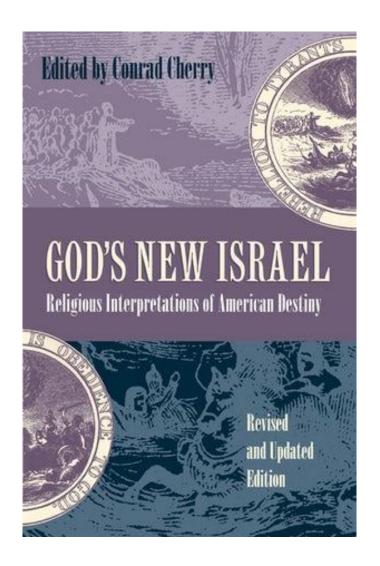
In preparing for his journey, Columbus made three requests:

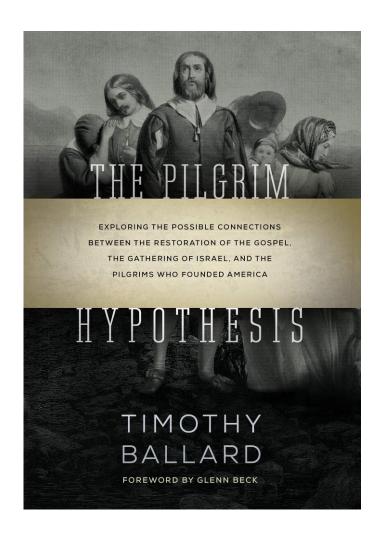
- Three ships
- Every man on the voyage to have a personal commitment to Christ
- An interpreter who spoke Hebrew



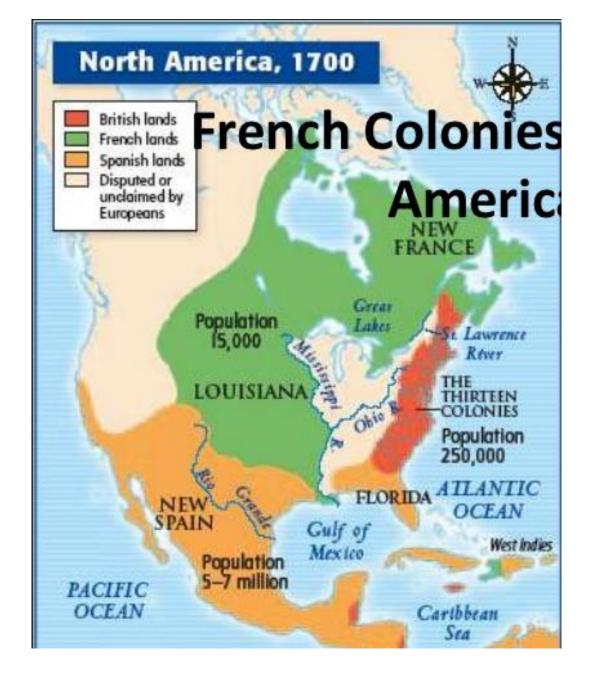
• Columbus first sails south to the Canary Islands (700 miles) and then sails west





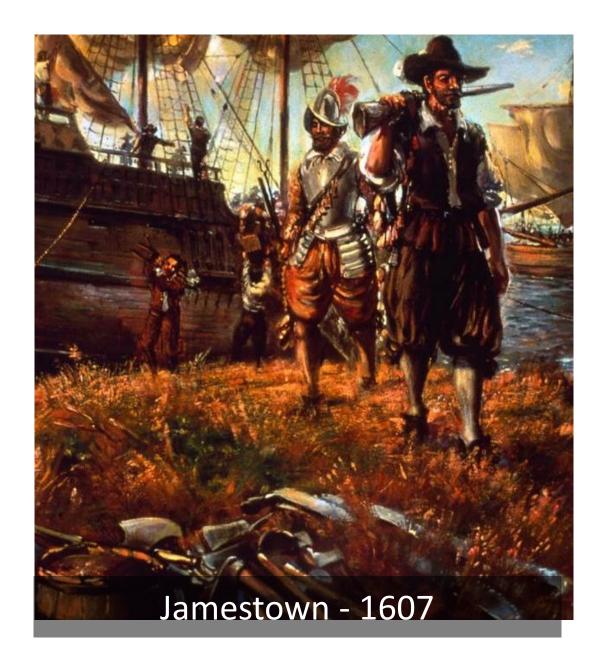


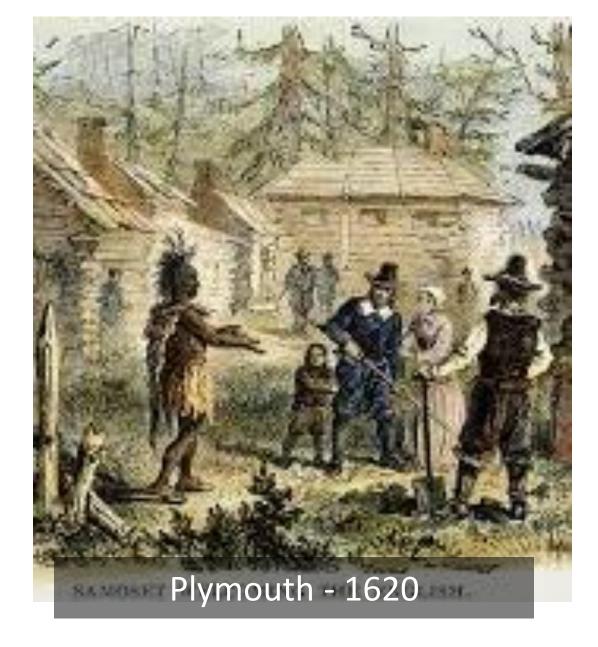
Recommended Resources



Settlements in the New World

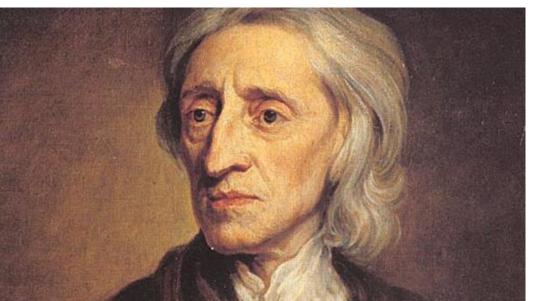
- Spain
- France
- England

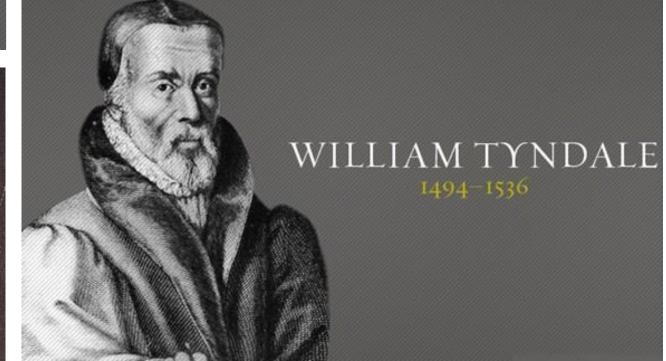














Separatists and Puritans

• Early experiments with Religious Liberty



Manifest Destiny