

English Settlement

Background to Jamestown

Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon

- Early 1500s marriage linked Britain and Spain
- Catholic Faith was center of marriage
- Catherine bore no sons
- 1530s Henry breaks away from church to divorce Catherine
- Declared himself head of Church of England
- Remarries and has daughter Elizabeth
- Has her mother Lady Boleyn beheaded!



Mary Tudor

- Takes over after her half brother King Edward VI dies at age 15
- Daughter of Henry and Catherine
- Wanted to bring back the Catholic faith to Great Britain
- Very unpopular with the people of Great Britain
- Married king Phillip II of Spain
- Protestant faith was continuing to grow
- Dies of Cancer alone



Elizabeth the First

- Half sister to Mary Tudor
- Known as the Virgin Queen
- Pro Protestant Faith
- Loved by people of GB
- Heightened tension between Spain and GB
- Shakespeare, Marlowe and other poets and writers flourished under her rule



Raleigh's Settlement Attempts

- 1585 Raleigh sets up a settlement off the coast of North America
- Had 100 men
- Named the colony Virginia after the Virgin Queen Elizabeth
- Lasted 1 year then returned home



Lost Colony of Roanoke

- In 1587 makes a second attempt to colonize.
- Roanoke, Virginia
- Gov. John White leaves after 1 month to get supplies.
- Supply ships arrived three years late due to battle with Spain and Hurricanes
- Arrived in 1590 to an empty colony
- Only clue is word “Croatan” inscribed on a post
- Mystery to this day



Sea Dogs

- Under Elizabeth I GB begins to attack Spain on the seas via Sea Dogs
- Most Famous were Sir Francis Drake and Sir Walter Raleigh
- Captured loot and valuables
- King Phillip II of Spain plans counter attacks



Spanish Armada 1588

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-vyDB_y_RE
- 130 ships and 30,000 men set sail to attack GB
- Stop the Sea Dogs and return Catholic rule to GB
- GB used ship that maneuvered in and out of the Armada
- Storm destroys the rest
- GB now has most powerful Navy in the World and ready to seek out new lands



James I

- Scottish King unites Scotland and Great Britain in 1603
- Great Social, Economic and Political development during this time
- Shakespeare produced plays
- 1611 Kings James translation of Bible
- East India Company taps into World Trade markets
- New Trade Routes and Ports established



Joint Stock Companies

- Financed the expansion system
- People pooled money to send settlers to new world in exchange for the riches and wealth derived from the land



Need for Expansion

- Great Britain becoming too populated
- Recession hits and people need jobs
- Poor crop yields
- Industrial revolution creates money making in textiles made from wool
- Rich farmers fence off land to drive competition out of business



Let the Games Begin

