

4.4-The Roots of Self Government

OBJECTIVE: WE ARE GOING TO ANALYZE THE ROOTS OF SELF GOVERNMENT AND LIFE IN COLONIAL AMERICA.

× Essential Questions:

- × 1. How did a variety of influences from three continents shape life in colonial North America?
- × 2. How were indigenous societies in the North America impacted and how did they respond to colonization by Europeans?
- × 3. How did government and representative democracy evolve in North America?
- × 4. How did the institution of slavery shape the character of early European America?

WHAT DO WE IMPORT OR EXPORT IN MODERN AMERICA? WITH WHOM DO WE TRADE? WHY WAS TRADE IMPORTANT DURING COLONIAL AMERICA?



HOW CAN HAVING COLONIES BENEFIT THE HOME COUNTRY? WHY WAS IT BENEFICIAL FOR ENGLAND TO HAVE COLONIES?

MERCANTILISM

in the Thirteen American Colonies



Colonial Mercantilism

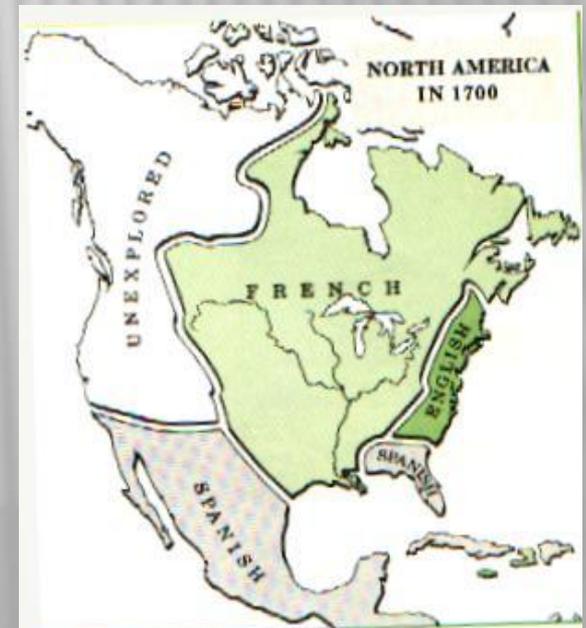
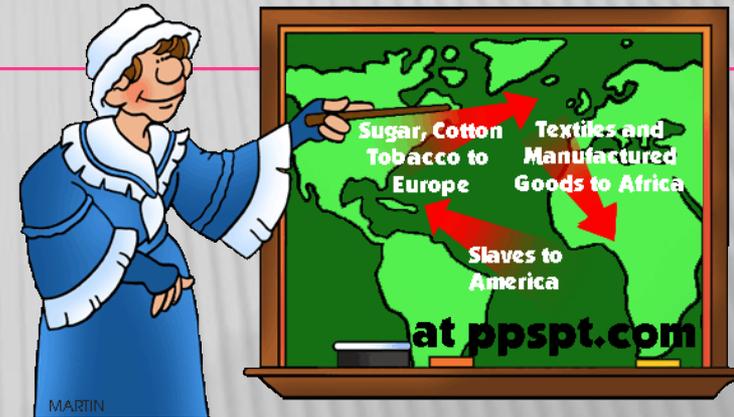
- × Mercantilism is a theory stating that a country is kept strong by keeping strong control over its trade. Mercantilism suggests that a nation should export more than it imports.



Colonial Times

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EUROPEAN VIEW ON THEIR AMERICAN HOLDINGS. 1700

- ✘ Who controlled the majority of land in North America by 1700?



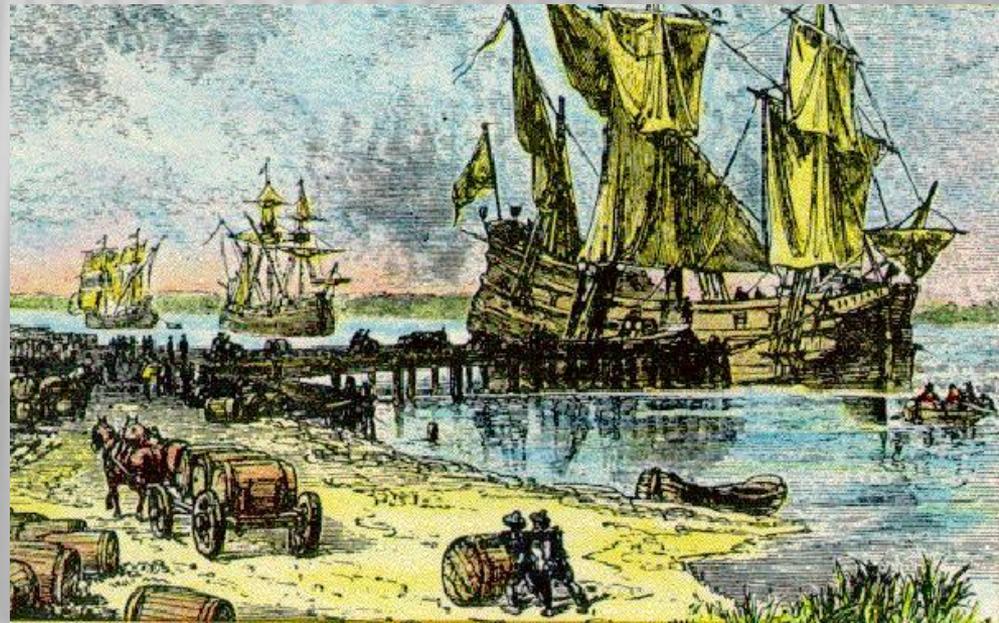
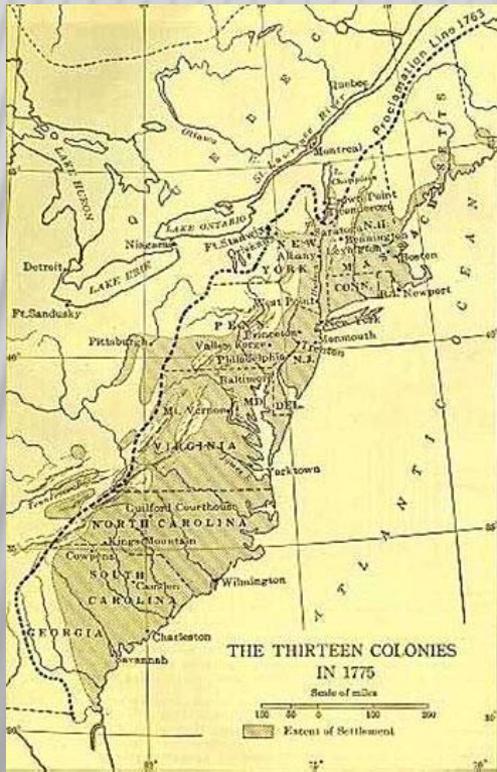
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How do you think the colonists felt about the Navigation Acts?

THE NAVIGATION ACTS

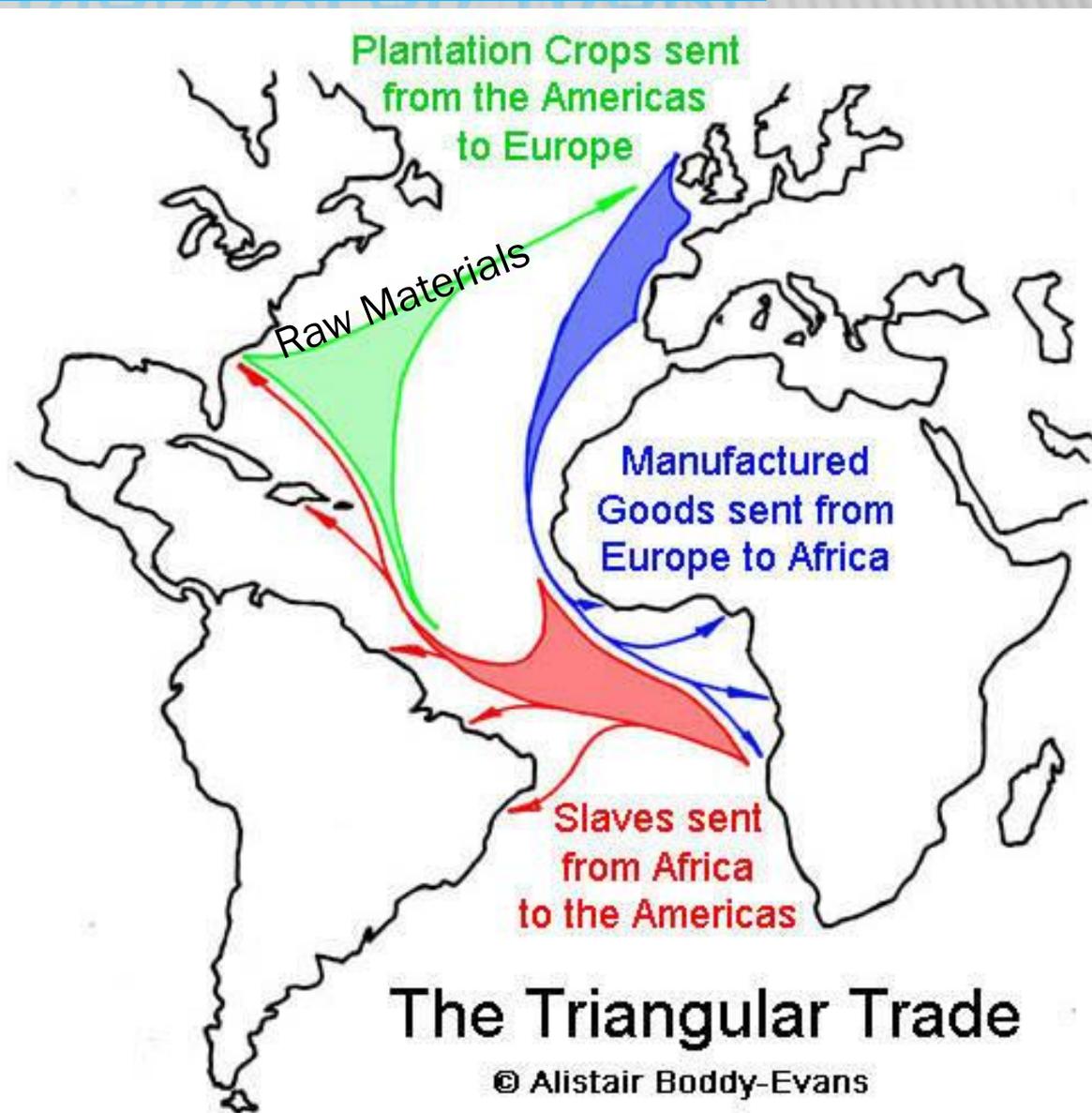
- ✘ Beginning in the 1560s England created the “Navigation Acts” stating that Colonists could only trade with England.

Do we have anything similar to the Navigation Acts today?



YANKEES AND TRIANGULAR TRADE

- × New England Merchants known as Yankees dominated Triangular Trade.



COLONIAL GOVERNMENT

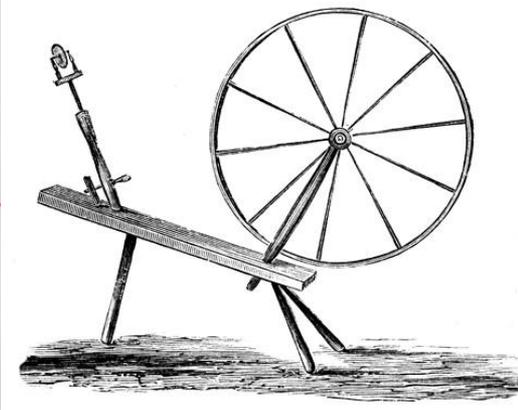
- × Each colony had its own legislature or group of people who make their own laws. Only white property owning Christian men 21 and older could vote. [The English Bill of Rights](#) guaranteed the white male Colonists limited rights. (Women, Native Americans, and Africans did not share these rights.)

GOVERNMENT
in the 13 Colonies



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- ✘ What was mercantilism?
 - ✘ Was it a good idea for England to impose the Navigation Acts? Why or why not....
 - ✘ How did the colonial government and trade influence our modern governmental system?

4.5 LIFE IN THE COLONIES



The Gentry: Wealthy merchants, planters, ministers, lawyers and royal governors

The Middle Class: People who owned their own land, craftsmen, and trades people.

Indentured Servants: People who work without wages to pay for the passage to the colonies.

African Slaves



WOMEN IN COLONIAL AMERICA

Women were expected to care for their family, and household. Some women worked in cities while others in the backcountry hunted along with the men. Women could run businesses or practice a trade.



THE GREAT AWAKENING

Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield led the Great Awakening, a religious movement in the 1730s-1740s. This altered religion in the colonies and changed how people viewed their society.

"The road to hell is paved with the skulls of unbaptized babies"
-Jonathan Edwards

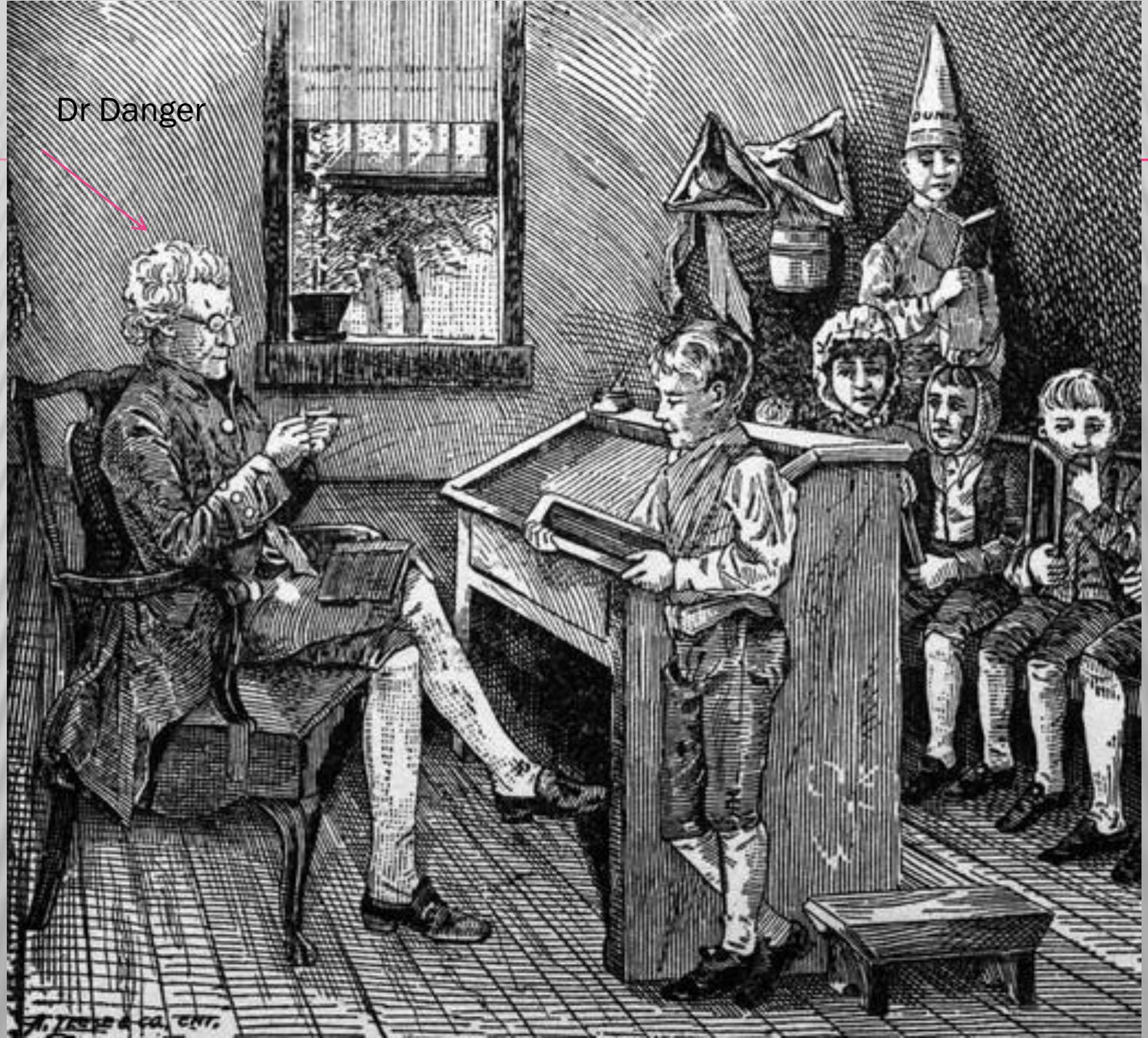




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Dr Danger



EDUCATION IN THE COLONIES

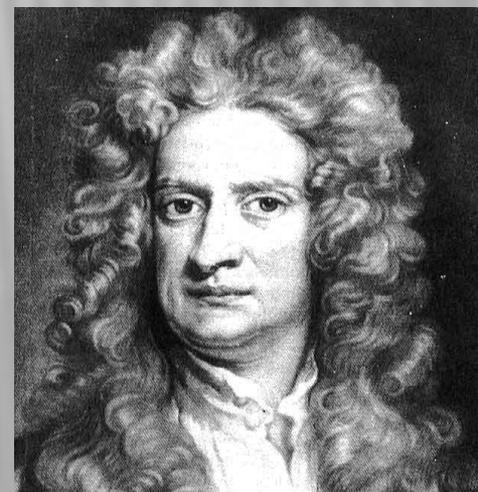
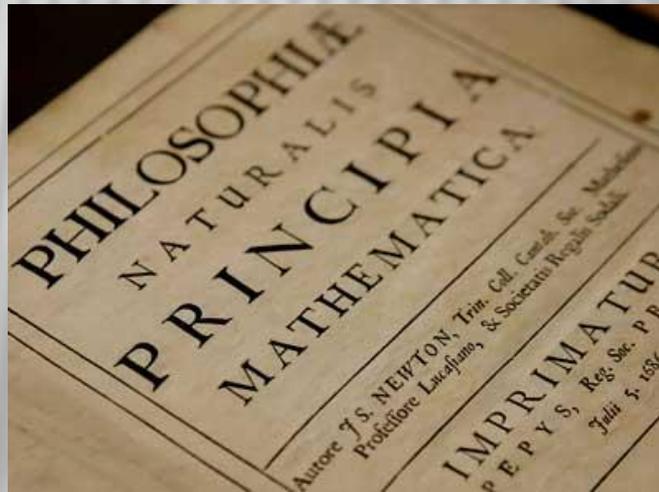
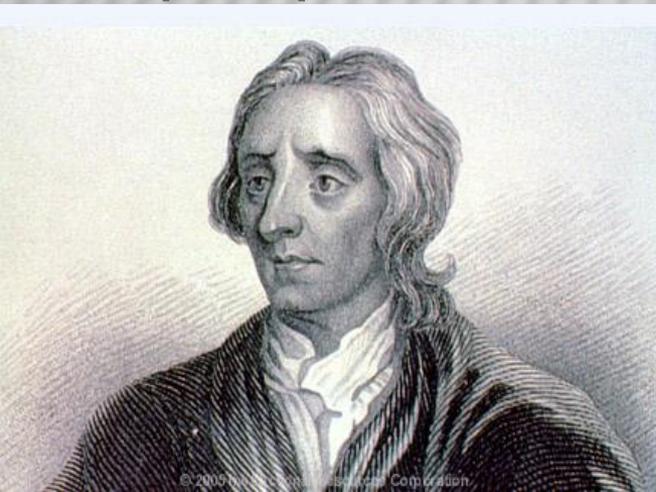
Type of School	Who could attend?	Location	Purpose
Public Schools	All boys	New England	To read and understand the principals of religion
Private Schools / Tutors	Wealthy children	South / Middle Colonies	Educate the children of the wealthy
Dame Schools	Wealthy Girls	New England	To educate girls
Apprenticeships	Boys 12-18	All colonies	To learn a trade or a craft

Which school would you prefer to attend?
What is the purpose of our modern schools?



THE ENLIGHTENMENT

- ✘ In the late 1600s Europeans began to use reason and logic instead of superstition to understand the world. [Issac Newton](#) discovered laws of gravity, [John Locke](#) suggested the existence of a [social contract](#), people should be able to choose their leaders.



SO NOW WHAT, MR. GENIUS?

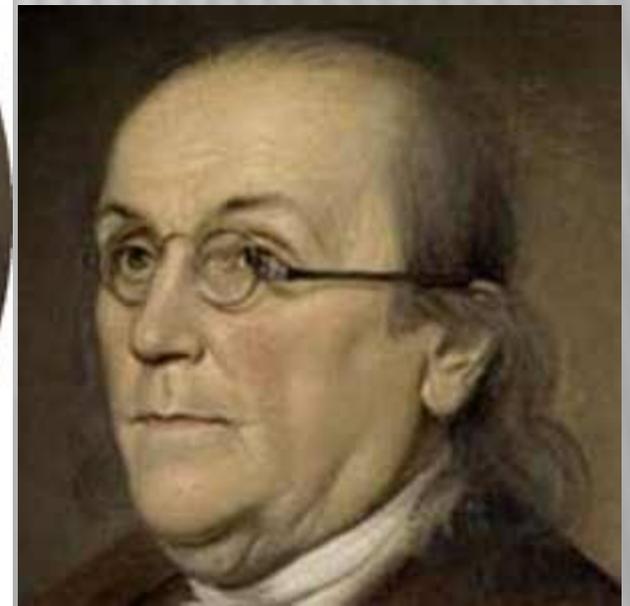
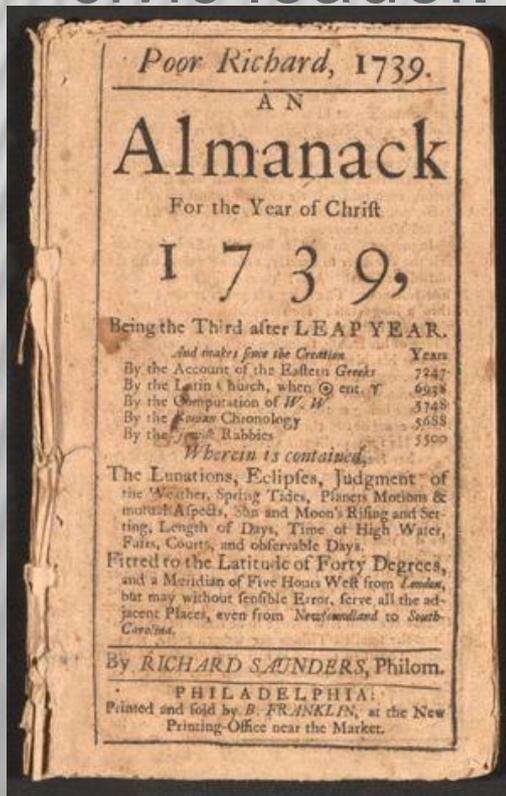


- ✖ Do Now...take out your homework... What was the enlightenment? How did it change western society?

BEN FRANKLIN



- ✘ Ben Franklin an Enlightenment thinker published Poor Richards Almanac, invented bifocals, the lightning rod and served as a civic leader.



- ✘ What were the four social levels in colonial America? How is this similar or different from modern society.
- ✘ How were women treated in the colonies?
- ✘ What change occurred in the colonial religion? Who led this change?
- ✘ Who were the leaders of the enlightenment? How did they impact our history?
- ✘ What is the greatest difference between colonial and modern education?
- ✘ Why was Ben Franklin important to colonial America?