



# AMERICAN HISTORY

## LESSON 18



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### Multiple Choice Questions

- \*\*What was the primary goal of mercantilist policies in the 18th century?\***
  - A) To encourage free trade
  - B) To increase wealth by exporting more than importing
  - C) To promote equal trade between colonies and home countries
  - D) To limit the growth of colonies
- \*\*Which law sought to monopolize and tax American trade in the 17th and 18th centuries?\***
  - A) The Stamp Act
  - B) The Navigation Acts
  - C) The Sugar Act
  - D) The Townshend Acts
- \*\*What raw material became Virginia's first significant cash crop in the early 1600s?\***
  - A) Cotton
  - B) Tobacco
  - C) Corn
  - D) Sugar
- \*\*Which of the following was \*not\* a primary export from New England in the 18th century?\***
  - A) Dried cod
  - B) Rum
  - C) Tobacco
  - D) Ships
- \*\*What was the purpose of the Molasses Act of 1733?\***
  - A) To encourage the purchase of British molasses
  - B) To ban the smuggling of sugar from the Caribbean
  - C) To prevent New England merchants from buying French sugar
  - D) To increase the production of rum in the colonies





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6. **\*\*Adam Smith's \*The Wealth of Nations\* criticized which economic theory?\***
- A) Free Trade
  - B) Feudalism
  - C) Mercantilism
  - D) Colonialism
7. **\*\*Which region in colonial America was most dependent on slave labor by the mid-18th century?\***
- A) New England
  - B) The Middle Colonies
  - C) The Southern Colonies
  - D) The Western Frontier
8. **\*\*Which group primarily settled in Pennsylvania under William Penn's vision of religious freedom?\***
- A) The Puritans
  - B) The Quakers
  - C) The Catholics
  - D) The Anglicans
9. **\*\*What led to the rise of the triangular trade in colonial America?\***
- A) The abundance of slaves in New England
  - B) The smuggling of goods from British ports
  - C) The development of fishing, shipbuilding, and rum production
  - D) The navigation of larger trading vessels
10. **\*\*By the time of the American Revolution, which city had become the largest in the colonies?\***
- A) Boston
  - B) Charleston
  - C) New York
  - D) Philadelphia



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### Essay Questions

1. \*\*Discuss the principles of mercantilism and how they influenced British policies toward its American colonies. How did these policies contribute to growing tensions leading to the American Revolution?
2. \*\*Analyze the economic differences between the Southern, New England, and Middle colonies. How did geography, labor systems, and access to resources shape these differences?
3. \*\*Explain how smuggling became a significant aspect of colonial American life in response to British trade restrictions. How did this defiance contribute to the eventual outbreak of the American Revolution?
4. \*\*Compare and contrast the labor systems of indentured servitude and slavery in colonial America. How did these systems evolve, and what were their long-term effects on colonial society?
5. \*\*Examine how the ideas of Adam Smith in *The Wealth of Nations* influenced colonial economic thought. How did these ideas conflict with British mercantilist policies, and what role did they play in shaping the vision for the post-revolutionary American economy?





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### Multiple Choice Questions:

1. \*\*B)\*\* To increase wealth by exporting more than importing.
2. \*\*B)\*\* The Navigation Acts.
3. \*\*B)\*\* Tobacco.
4. \*\*C)\*\* Tobacco.
5. \*\*C)\*\* To prevent New England merchants from buying French sugar.
6. \*\*C)\*\* Mercantilism.
7. \*\*C)\*\* The Southern Colonies.
8. \*\*B)\*\* The Quakers.
9. \*\*C)\*\* The development of fishing, shipbuilding, and rum production.
10. \*\*D)\*\* Philadelphia.

