Unit 1 – Vocabulary

* Colony - Land controlled by another nation
* Indentured servant – under contract of an employer for a period of time
* Joint-stock company – colony owned by people who bought parts of the company
* Royal colony – colonies owned by the King but ran by a governor
* Proprietory colony – colony owned by an individual
* Plantation – large farm
* Heretics – people whose religious beliefs differ from those accepted by the majority
* Religious persecutions – cause to suffer because of a belief
* Mercantilism – colonial idea that a country should export more goods than they import to increase national wealth
* Direct democracy – a system of government where all individuals are allowed to vote on issues
* Slave codes – set of laws that formally regulated slavery
* Gentry – planter elite
* Economy – a system of producing and distributing goods and services to fulfill people’s wants
* Merchants – a business person who trades goods that are produced by others
* Representative democracy – government in which citizens elect representatives to make laws
* Puritans – wanted to purify the Anglican Church
* Pilgrims – separatists who journeyed to American colonies for religious freedom
* Quakers – rejected political and religious authority
* Governor – official elected or appointed to act as ruler
* Legislature – governing body that makes law