

330-551-BB - Class Session 4: The Birth of the United States

Theme B: Part 3 - The Colonial Period

Review Question - AM Group

Explain what the *Headright System* is in a colony like Virginia. How does this system contribute to the creation of a class of large landowners in the southern colonies? How was this system a precursor to the introduction of slavery? Finally, what is the status of the servant and of the slave in the colony of Virginia?

Evaluation Grid - AM Group

Student answer element	Points
Explain what the <i>Headright System</i> is about.	
A program to emigrating subservient labour to the new colonies.	1
50 acres of colony land were granted to anyone who could pay for the passage of a "contract worker."	1
How did this system contribute to the creation of a class of large landowners in the southern colonies?	
Most contract servants could not pay for their own passage. They were wealthy colonial owners who paid for the passage and received 50 acres as a reward.	1
The more contract servants were bought, the more land was obtained, which contributed to the grabbing of new land in few hands.	1
How was this system a precursor to the introduction of slavery?	
The servants had few rights, and until the end of their contract, they lived and died in the service of their boss. The rich could buy and resell the "serf contracts" - servants. They could therefore be bequeathed as property in succession contracts.	1
How is the status of the servant distinguished from that of the slave in the colony of Virginia? (4 possible response choices, 3 mandatory for total score of 10 points)	
Temporary vs permanent status	1
Contractual engagement vs direct possession	1
Individual vs hereditary character	1

Religious vs. Racist justification	1
total	8 points

Review Question - PM Group

Explain how the economy of the southern colonies differed from the economy of the northern colonies? Why did they develop as two distinct economic models? What was the participation of the economies of the North and South of the Thirteen Colonies in the Atlantic commercial space? How did the North and the South integrate into this system?

Evaluation Grid - Group PM

Student answer element	Points
Explain how the economy of the southern colonies differed from the economy of the northern colonies? On what basis did these two distinct economic models develop?	
Warm climate vs cold and temperate climate	1
Agricultural economy vs diversified economy	1
Rural vs. Urban Development	1
Dependence on the metropolis vs. relative independence from the metropolis	1
Imported labor vs. local labor	1
What was the participation of the economies of the North and South in the transatlantic trade system? How were the economies of the North and the South integrated into this system?	
The South bought the servile labour from England (1st century of colonization), or from Africa. It sold its consumer staples: tobacco, rice, indigo, etc. to the metropolis.	1
The North, which specializes in merchant shipping, acted as an intermediary in maritime trade. Its merchants bought goods and labor overseas to sell in a colony and bought agricultural commodities from the South and sold it to the metropolis.	1
More generally, through the system of <i>mercantilism</i> put the economies of the North and South in relation. In this system, colonial economies serve the metropolis, and are markets for metropolitan products. Also, mercantilism <i>regulates</i> commercial space, to try to control trade and draw wealth to the metropole.	1
total	8 points