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**Ways of the World:
A Brief Global History**

First Edition

CHAPTER XIV
Empires and Encounters
1450–1750

Colonies of Sugar

Colonies of Sugar V. Settler Colonies in North America

<i>Brazil/Caribbean</i>	<i>British North America</i>

Colonies of Sugar

1. Lowland Brazil and the Caribbean developed a different society

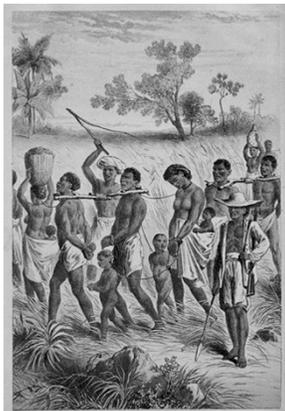
- a.
- b.
- c.

- 2. Arabs introduced large-scale sugar production to the Mediterranean
 - a. Europeans transferred it to Atlantic islands and Americas
 - b. Portuguese on Brazilian coast dominated the world sugar market 1570–1670
 - c. Then British, French, and Dutch in the Caribbean broke the Portuguese monopoly

- 3. Sugar transformed Brazil and the Caribbean
 - a. Production was labor intensive, worked best on large scale
 - b. Can be called the first modern industry
 - c. Had always been produced with massive use of slave labor

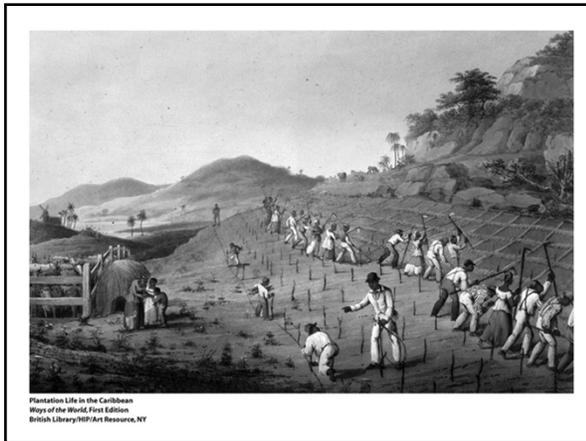


- d. Indians of the area were almost totally wiped out or fled
- e. Planters turned to African slaves



- 4. Much more of Brazilian and Caribbean society was of African descent
- 5. Large mixed-race population provided much of urban skilled workforce and supervisors in sugar industry

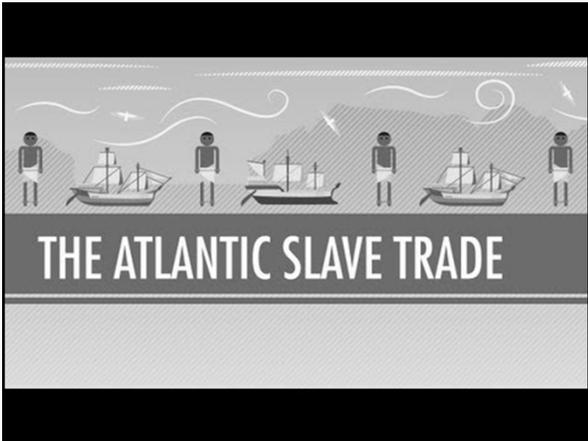
- 6. Plantation complex based on African slavery spread to southern parts of North America
 - a. But in North America, European women came earlier
 - b. Result was less racial mixing, *less tolerance toward mixed blood*
 - c. Sharply defined racial system evolved
 - d. Slavery was less harsh



? **Connection**

The European conquest of the Americas increased global connections in all EXCEPT which of the following ways?

- a. It brought new crops and technologies to the Americas.
- b. Although no American crops spread beyond Europe to the rest of Eurasia and Africa, the European conquest did result in the adoption of several American crops in Western Europe.
- c. It resulted in the extensive mixing of indigenous American, African, and European peoples.
- d. It reshaped the world economy by providing Europeans with access to large amounts of silver.



Settler Colonies in North America

- Because the British were the last of the European powers to establish a colonial presence in the Americas, they found that “only the dregs were left.” Lands they acquired were regarded as the unpromising leftovers of the New World.

Settler Colonies in North America

- British society was changing more rapidly than Catholic Spain
- British colonist were trying to escape European society
- British colonist were more numerous and by 1750 outnumbered the Spanish by 5 to 1.

Settler Colonies in North America

- British colonies developed traditions of local government.
- British Civil War (17th Century)
- **Literacy rates**
- Seeds of Independence?

Change

 The differences among colonial societies that emerged in the Americas after European conquest can be accounted for through all EXCEPT which of the following factors?

- The number of Europeans who settled in a region
- The type of economy that took shape in the region
- The rejection of slave holding in the early 1600s by Portuguese and Dutch rulers
- Whether a Protestant or Catholic power settled a region
