

1620–1630 — From Circuits to Settlements (*Decade Module Overview*)

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After 1620, seasonal circuits of trade and faith begin to root into settlements. Jamestown pivots from a tenuous garrison to dispersed tobacco farms and private holdings; Plymouth is founded as a covenant town amid Wampanoag diplomacy; Dutch traders formalize New Netherland with posts upriver and at Manhattan; Quebec endures; Spanish Florida persists at St. Augustine. Indigenous nations still dominate demography and power across the continent.

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Where this decade fits

- **Virginia/Powhatan:** Jamestown hardens into a colony; tobacco, private landholding, and scattered farms spread after 1620; conflict flares in 1622.
- **Plymouth/Wampanoag:** a covenant town is planted; survival hinges on diplomacy, seasonal dependence, and regional alliances.
- **Dutch Hudson:** trading posts at Fort Orange (1624) and New Amsterdam (1626); patroon plans begin brewing by decade's end.
- **France/Quebec:** a small but durable outpost endures at Quebec, sustained by alliances and the St. Lawrence trade.
- **Spanish Florida:** St. Augustine persists as a thin but continuous garrison on the southeast coast.