Week Three Notes

**British Colonies and Shit**

* Slavery
  + Transition to slave labor system
  + 20,000 in 1700
  + 400,000 in 1770
  + Two zones
    - Upper South
      * Virginia and North Carolina grow **tobacco**
    - Lower South
      * Georgia
  + Middle Passage
    - Dropped off slaves in the Caribbean
      * 15% of “cargo” survived
      * Things were traded in exchanged for slaves
      * Slaveholders made sure they had a “variety” of slaves; no common language
        + This changes over time
        + When slave population was
    - There was a relatively slow transition to African slavery
      * Christians could not enslave other Christians
      * Those indentured servants were then allowed to leave after their service
      * It was a socio-economic reason also
        + It is not as economically viable for the English along with a large population compared to the small amount of people willing to leave to North America
      * Black kings were rounding up their own people for their own profit margins
      * They were cheaper to trade and easier to obtain them
  + Terms to watch out for
    - **Jamestown**
      * First American settlement by the English to survive that was established in 1607
    - **Anthony Johnson**
      * First prominent black landholder in the English Colonies and was uncertain if he started off as a slave
    - **John Punch**
      * Was an African slave who was sentenced to prison for the rest of his life because he ran away to Maryland
    - **Angola Plantation**
      * Anthony Johnson’s grandson plantation
      * Named after his grandfather’s birthplace
    - **Olaudah Equiano**
      * a former enslaved African, seaman and merchant who wrote an autobiography depicting the horrors of slavery and lobbied Parliament for its abolition.
    - **Royal African Company**
      * British slave company
    - **Elmina Castle**
    - **Factories**
      * Places where slaves were auctioned off
      * Held in chambers that were inside the sea walls
    - **The Middle Passage**
      * the sea journey undertaken by slave ships from West Africa to the West Indies.