## **AP United States History**

## Chesapeake and New England Colonies

- House of Burgess 1619
  - Virginia first established the House of Burgesses
    - For white males who own land
  - First representative assembly but w/ low population
- New England Colonies
  - · Founded by the Puritans
    - Wanted a community of like-minded people (religious)
    - Close, homogeneous society
    - Worked with special zeal to honor God, to feel rewarded by God
  - · Good environment, mixed econ of agriculture + commerce
  - Pilgrims, separatists, came first settling on Plymouth
- Puritan governing
  - · Intolerant of other religions
  - Theocratic government
    - Except Rhode Island: founded Roger Williams who believed in tolerance
      - Separation of church and state, political freedom
      - Was kicked out of Puritan society and founded the colony