AP United States History

Chesapeake Colonies

- Focus of Virginian economy on tobacco
 - · Led to expansion for more soil
 - Considered a "Cash Crop"
 - Growth of the crop production is quick
 - This is inspire of Native attacks draining colonists
- Because Virginia found trouble incentivizing colonists, indentured servants were brought
 - Headright System: Every Virginian gets 50 acres for each person who's passage was paid for
 - Indenture Contract: 5-7 years, low chance of surviving this long, promised "freedom dues"
 - This usually entailed land and money
- How is slavery in Virginia different from slavery in The Caribbean?
 - Climate: Caribbean == hot, humid, Virginia == less hot
 - Disease: Caribbean == Mosquito-borne (malaria), Virginia == Yellow Fever
 - Labor: Caribbean == 10/10 would not labor again, Virginia == 6/10 still don't want to labor
 - Lifespan: Caribbean == 23y, Virginia == 55y
 - This is why the Caribbean saw a much greater amount of imported slaves than Virginia