

001 英国向北美早期的殖民开拓历程

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Knowledge of history is empowering (v.)授权；给（某人）...的权力；增加（某人的）自主权；使控制局势。

An event is but the furthest ripple 波纹；细浪；涟漪 of an ever-expanding 不断发展壮大的 wave /that may have started **eddy** (v.)起旋涡；旋转 **outward** hundreds of years ago.

One who "sees" history /is able to harness (v.) the power of that wave' s entire (a.)全部的；整个的 journey.

历史知识可以赋予人力量。事件只是不断扩大的波浪中最远的涟漪，而波浪可能在数百年前就开始向外涡流。能够“看到”历史的人，能够驾驭那个整个波浪旅程的力量。

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Since 1492, European explorers and settlers have tended (v.) to ignore (v.) the vast diversity 差异（性）；不同（点） of the people who had previously lived here. It soon became common **to lump** (v.)把...归并一起（或合起来考虑） all such groups **under the term** "Indian." Stereotyping (v.) Indians [in this way] 谓 denies (v.) the vast cultural differences between tribes.

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自 1492 年以来，欧洲探险家和定居者，往往忽视了以前居住在这里的人们的巨大多样性。很快，将所有这些群体归为“印第安人”一词就变得很普遍。以这种方式对印第安人进行刻板印象，否认了部落之间巨大的文化差异。北美有 200 多个部落，讲 200 多种不同的语言。

Before the English arrived in North America, the Spanish, the Dutch, the Swedish, and the French were already on the scene （尤指不愉快事件发生的）地点，现场。

在英国人到达北美之前，西班牙人、荷兰人、瑞典人和法国人就已经出现了。

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当英国人于 1607 年抵达新大陆，并在詹姆斯敦建立第一个永久定居点时，其他欧洲国家已对这片大陆的大部分地区，提出了主权要求。

Many factors contributed to Britain' s tardiness 缓慢, 延迟. England was not the most powerful European nation in the 16th century. Spain was most influential (a.)有很大影响的; 有支配力的.

Along with Portugal, Spain dominated (v.) New World exploration in the decades 数十年 that followed Columbus. France, the Netherlands, and Sweden all showed greater interest in the Western Hemisphere than England did.

许多因素导致了英国的迟到。英国并不是16世纪欧洲最强大的国家。西班牙最具影响力。在哥伦布之后的几十年里, 西班牙与葡萄牙一起主导了新大陆的勘探。法国、荷兰和瑞典对西半球的兴趣都比英国大。

Although England was an island and therefore a seafaring (a.)海上劳作 (或航行) 的 nation, Spain was the undisputed (a.)不容置疑的; 毫无疑问的; 不可争辩的 superpower of the seas in the 16th century.

Many of England' s *adventurous* (a.)有冒险精神的; 大胆开拓的 *sea captains* found that /主 plundering (v.) (尤指战乱时用武力) 抢劫, 掠夺 Spanish ships 系 was *a far simpler means of acquiring wealth* than establishing colonies.

尽管英格兰是一个岛屿, 因此是一个航海国家, 但西班牙却是 16 世纪无可争议的海洋超级大国。许多富有冒险精神的英国船长发现, 掠夺西班牙船只, 比建立殖民地要简单得多。

PHILIP was certain (a.)确信; 确定; 无疑 that /his great fleet 舰队 of ships would **put an end to** England' s piracy (n.)海上抢劫.

In 1588, one of the greatest turning points in world history occurred /when Spain' s invincible" (a.)不可战胜的; 不能改变的 ARMADA (大型) 舰队 of 130 ships sailed (v.) into the English Channel.

Despite their numerical 数字的; 用数字表示的 inferiority (n.)低等; 劣等; 劣势, the English ships were faster and easier to maneuver (v.)细致巧妙的移动; (军队或船只的) 调动, 部署 than the Spanish fleet.

With the aid of a great storm, Elizabeth' s ships humiliated (v.)羞辱; 使丧失尊严 Philip' s navy, which returned to Spain with fewer than half their original number.

菲利普确信, 他的庞大舰队将终结英国的海盗行为。1588 年, 世界历史上最伟大的转折点之一发生了, 西班牙由 130 艘船组成的“无敌”舰队驶入英吉利海峡。尽管数量上处于劣势, 但英国船只比西班牙舰队更快、更容易操纵。在一场大风暴的帮助下, 伊丽莎白的船只羞辱了腓力的海军, 后者返回西班牙时人数不足原来的一半。

This battle marked the beginning of the end of Spain' s domination of Europe and the Western Hemisphere.

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这场战役, 标志着西班牙对欧洲和西半球统治地位结束的开始。对于英国来说更重要的是, 它标志着新世界的英国永久定居时代的黎明。

As tensions flared (v.) (短暂) 烧旺; (摇曳着) 燃烧; (火光) 闪耀; 突发; 加剧 between England and Spain, it soon became sensible 明智的; 理智的; 合理的 for England to establish (v.) permanent settlements in the New World to rival the Spanish.

If nothing more, they could serve as bases 后定 from which to raid (v.) Spanish ships.

随着英格兰和西班牙之间的紧张局势加剧, 英格兰在新世界建立永久定居点, 以与西班牙竞争很快就变得明智。如果没有更多的话, 它们可以作为袭击西班牙船只的基地。

Compared with other European nations in 1600, England was relatively poor.

As *new agricultural techniques* made fewer farmers necessary, the poor multiplied (v.) 成倍增加；迅速增加 in the streets of cities such as LONDON and Bristol.

与1600年的其他欧洲国家相比，英国相对贫穷。随着新的农业技术减少了需要的农民，伦敦和布里斯托尔等城市街道上的穷人数量，成倍增加。

Richard Hakluyt, a 16th-century geographer 地理学者 interested (v.) in explorers and *travel narratives* 讲故事；叙述；叙事技巧, suggested to *Queen Elizabeth* that /New World colonies could serve two purposes.

First, they could challenge Spanish domination of the New World.

Second, the ever-growing 日益增长的 poorer classes could be transported (v.) 运输；运送 there, easing (v.) England's population pressures.

理查德·哈克卢特 (Richard Hakluyt) 是一位对探险家和旅行叙事感兴趣的 16 世纪地理学家，他向伊丽莎白女王建议，新世界殖民地可以有两个目的。首先，他们可以挑战西班牙对新大陆的统治。其次，不断增长的贫困阶层可以被转移到那里，从而缓解英格兰的人口压力。

The joint-stock 合资的；股份组织的 company was the forerunner 先驱；前身；前兆 of the modern corporation.

In a JOINT-STOCK VENTURE 风险项目；冒险活动, stock was sold to high net-worth investors who provided CAPITAL and had limited RISK.

These companies had proven profitable (a.) 有利润的；赢利的 in the past with *trading ventures* (n.) (尤指有风险的) 企业，商业，投机活动，经营项目. The risk was small, and the returns were fairly quick.

The risk was larger 因为 as the colony might fail. The STARTUP COSTS 创业成本 were enormous and the returns might take years. Investors in such endeavors 努力；尽力 needed more than a small sense of adventure.

the joint-stock 合资的；股份组织的 company became the vehicle 交通工具；车辆；手段，工具 /by which England finally settled the Western Hemisphere.

股份公司是现代企业的前身。在合资企业中，股票被出售给“提供资本且风险有限的高净值投资者”。事实证明，这些公司过去通过贸易业务实现了盈利。风险很小，回报也很快。风险更大，因为殖民地可能会失败。启动成本巨大，回报可能需要数年时间。从事此类事业的投资者需要的不仅仅是一点点冒险精神。股份公司成为英国最终定居西半球的工具。

This starkly (ad.) 严酷地；明显地；毫无掩饰地 contrasted (v.) with Spanish and French settlements.

New Spain and New France were developed by their kings.

The English colonies were developed by their people.

Many historians argue that /the primary 主要的；最重要的；基本的 reason 后定主 the relatively small and late English colonization effort 谓 ultimately outlasted (v.) 比...持续时间长 its predecessors /was because individuals had a true stake (在公司、计划等中的) 重大利益，重大利害关系 in its success.

这与西班牙和法国的殖民地形成鲜明对比。新西班牙和新法国是由他们的国王发展起来的。英国殖民地是由他们的人民发展起来的。许多历史学家认为，相对较小和较晚的英国殖民的努力，最终存活的比其前辈(西班牙, 法国)持续得更长，主要原因是它的成功与个人利益攸关。

主 The first *joint-stock* 合资的；股份组织的 *company* to launch a lasting venture (n.) (尤指有风险的) 企业，商业，投机活动，经营项目 to the New World 系 was the VIRGINIA COMPANY OF LONDON. The investors had one goal in mind: gold. They hoped to repeat the success of Spaniards who found gold in South America.

第一家在新世界开展持久投资的股份公司，是伦敦弗吉尼亚公司。投资者心中只有一个目标：黄金。他们希望重复“西班牙人在南美洲发现黄金”的成功。

Investments in permanent settlements were risky indeed. 主 The merchants 商人 and gentry 绅士阶层；上流社会人士 谓 paid (v.) with their pocketbooks (个人或国家的) 财政状况，财力，钱袋子。Many colonists paid (v.) with their lives. For every six colonists who ventured across the Atlantic, only one survived.

对永久定居点的投资，确实存在风险。商人和士绅用他们的钱袋支付。许多殖民者付出了生命的代价。每六名冒险横渡大西洋的殖民者中，只有一人幸存。

Virginia' s economic future did not lie with gold. There was too little gold to be found there. Looking for new ways to make its investments pay (v.) dividends 红利；股息；股利, the Virginia Company of London began encouraging *multiple ventures* (n.)(尤指有风险的) 企业，商业，投机活动，经营项目 by 1618.

弗吉尼亚州的经济，未来并不取决于黄金。那里的金子太少了，找不到。为了寻找新的方式让其投资产生股息，伦敦弗吉尼亚公司于 1618 年开始鼓励多重创业。

Jamestown settlers experimented (v.)做试验；进行实验 with GLASSBLOWING (n.)吹制玻璃, VINEYARD (为酿酒而种植的) 葡萄园；(以葡萄园自种葡萄进行生产的) 酿酒厂 cultivation 种植；栽培, and even silkworm 蚕 farming.

Despite efforts to diversify (v.) (使) 多样化，变化，不同;增加...的品种；从事多种经营；扩大业务范围 Virginia' s economy, by the end of the 1620s only one Virginia crop was drawing 产生，引起，激起 (反应或回应) a fair market price in England: tobacco.

詹姆斯敦的定居者，尝试了玻璃吹制、葡萄园种植，甚至养蚕。尽管弗吉尼亚州努力实现经济多元化，但到 1620 年代末，弗吉尼亚州只有一种作物在英国获得了公平的市场价格：烟草。

The tobacco economy rapidly began to shape the society and development of the colony. Growing tobacco takes its toll (n.)苦工；劳累的工作 on the soil.

Example 1. 案例

在这句话中，“take” 的意思是“造成”或“带来”。“Growing tobacco takes its toll on the soil” 的意思是“种植烟草对土壤造成了影响”。这里的“takes its toll” 是一个固定表达，表示某事对某人或某物造成负面影响或损害。

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Because tobacco drained (v.)使 (精力、金钱等) 耗尽; (使) 流走，流出 the soil of its nutrients, only about three successful growing seasons could occur on a plot (专用的) 小块土地 of land.

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在英国人定居的最初 60 年内, 战争和疾病消灭了弗吉尼亚州约 90% 的美洲原住民人口。

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