

Monarch	A ruler
Encomienda	A grant from the Spanish government that gave a Spanish settler the right to control local Native Americans
Class Structure	A system for ranking people, often according to power or wealth
Missionary	Someone who travels to a new land to persuade others to believe in a particular religion

Drought	A long period without rain
Investor	Gives money to a business hoping to earn more money in return
Cash crop	A crop raised for sale
House of Burgesses	Made laws and decisions for a colony

Representatives	People chosen by voters to speak and act for them
Pilgrim	A person who goes on a religious journey
Mayflower Compact	An agreement wrote by male Pilgrims to work together to make “just and equal laws”
Indentured servant	Someone who agrees to work without pay for someone else for a set time

Puritans	The founders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony who left England so they could practice their religion freely
Northwest Passage	A shortcut by water across North America to Asia
Commerce	The business of buying and selling goods