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1607
Jamestown settlement established in Virginia.

1618
Headright system introduced.

1619
Dutch ship arrives in Virginia bringing 20 to Jamestown to be sold as indentured servants. First African brought to British North American colonies.

1620
300 Dutch settlers and their families from Netherlands to New Amsterdam.

1622
Massacre of 347 colonists by Native Americans in Virginia. Population 1622 Virginia 1,277 Maryland 583

1629
Dutch West India Company offers land to anyone who can bring 50 families to New Netherlands.

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Smallpox epidemic among Native Americans. Population 1635 Virginia 5,000 Maryland 400 Massachusetts 4,000 Plymouth 300 Connecticut 1,000 Rhode Island 500 New Hampshire 1,000 Maine 1,000 New Netherlands 2,000 Sweden 500 Delaware 500

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1641
Massachusetts Bay Colony adopts Body of Liberties.

1642
The French and Indian War begins.

1643
Population 1643 Confederation of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Haven Haven Colonies formed to protect against Native American attacks.

1652
Rhode Island passes law restricting Negro servitude to 10 years.

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Virginia passes law that makes children born to slaves slaves regardless of the status of the mother.

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Virginia passes law that makes children born to slaves slaves regardless of the status of the mother.

1674
New York declared that Negroes are property. Christening after baptism denied to Negroes.

1675
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1676
Rebellion of poor whites, indentured servants and Negroes against Virginia's aristocracy and Native Americans in which a Native American is slaughtered by a Negro. Virginia's Governor Berkeley pardons 1,000 of 1,500 participants in return for promise of "perfect peace" and promise of "no more slavery."

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1682
Virginia decreed that all imported Negroes become slaves for life.

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1688
Germantown, Pennsylvania, Quakers protest slavery.

1690
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1696
Virginia's Governor Nicholson proposes that Negroes be kept in Virginia by the threat of being sold to the West Indies.

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1705
Virginia's Assembly forbids marriage and sexual relations between blacks and whites. Virginia's Assembly decreed that a white who married a Negro or Native American could not own property nor vote. Negro, mulatto, or Native American could not own property nor vote. Negro, mulatto, or Native American could not own property nor vote. Negro, mulatto,