



European Claims in the New World

Colonization of Americas	
Green	Spanish Territory
Orange	Portuguese Territory
Blue	French Territory
Red	British Territory
Brown	Russian Territory
Purple	Dutch Territory

The “New World” was discovered by explorers who were searching for a faster way to reach Asia and the Far East. They wanted to trade for riches, spices, and cloth.



Competition in the new world was caused by:



1. the race to claim the riches from the new land.
2. religious differences between the countries of Europe.

- Many countries established colonies in the new world but three countries claimed the majority of the land.
 - Spain
 - France
 - Britain
- The Dutch also established several colonies.



- Colonists came to America to for many reasons.
 - Get a new start in life.
 - Practice their religion freely.
 - Find riches like gold, silver, and trade goods.



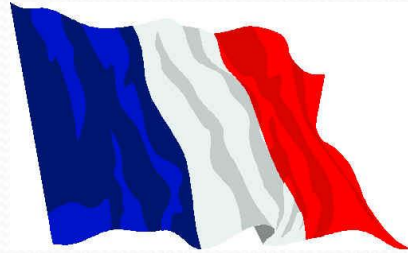
- The colonies of Spain
 - Built their riches on gold and silver.
 - Built Presidio's in America.
 - Introduced domestic animals to North America.
 - Enslaved the Native Americans to work in their mines.



- The colonies of France
 - Built their riches on fur trapping, selling fur to Europe and Cod fishing.
- Many French trappers lived with the Native Americans and learned
 - Survival skills
 - The best places for trapping animals
 - The best places for hunting and finding food
- The French built many forts along the Mississippi River to protect their claims and protect their goods as they were transported for shipment to Europe.



- The Dutch colonies were rivals with the French and British.

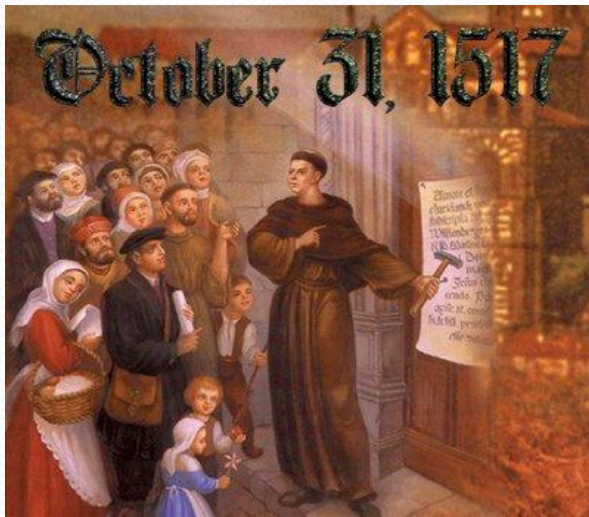


- The Dutch bought Manhattan Island from the Native Americans in 1626, named it New Amsterdam and established a trading center.
- The British took New Amsterdam from the Dutch in 1664 and renamed it New York.





- In 1517, Martin Luther led a reform movement challenging Church practices in Europe.
- Luther believed the church had become too
 - Worldly
 - Greedy
- He also believed people could be saved only by their faith in God.
- This was known as the Reformation.
- These reformers became known as Protestants.
- The Protestant Reformation divided Europe.
- The Protestants split into many different churches.



- The Reformation led to religious rivalries between the countries of Europe especially
 - Catholic Spain and
 - Protestant England
- This rivalry spread onto the seas as Queen Elizabeth of England encouraged her fleets to raid the Spanish treasure fleets returning from the New World.

