

## Chapter 4: American Life in the Seventeenth Century

### Study Questions: pp. 62-71

1. Where was the Chesapeake region?
2. What problems confronted the settlers in the Chesapeake area?
3. How did these problems influence family life?
4. What were indentured Servants and how did they solve the labor problem?
5. What was the headright system?
6. What percentage of immigrants to the Chesapeake area were indentured servants?
7. What were the causes of Bacon's Rebellion?
8. When did the rebellion occur and who was governor of Virginia at the time?
9. What were the results of the rebellion?
10. Why was there a growing reliance on slave labor after 1680?
11. What was the Middle Passage?
12. Why was the life of a slave easier in the Chesapeake than in the deeper South?
13. Briefly describe the structure of Southern society?
14. Why were urban areas and societies slow to develop in the South?
15. What was the principle means of transportation?

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16. What were two distinct differences between New England & the Chesapeake area?
17. How did the longevity of New Englanders influence their families and society?
18. How did the lives and rights of New England women differ from southern women?
19. What facts contributed to a tightly knit society in New England versus that of the southern colonies?
20. How did settlement of the land in New England differ from that in the South?
21. What was required of a New England town with more than 50 families?
22. What was the first college established in America and when?
23. What was a town meeting and what contributed to its development?
24. What was the Half-Way Covenant and why was it adopted?
25. How did the adoption of the Half-Way Covenant influence New England society?
26. When did the Salem witch trials take place and what caused them?
27. How did the geography and climate of New England influence its society?
28. How did the Indians and English settlers differ in their view of the land?
29. How did their religion, geography and climate influence the character of the New Englanders?