**- Indentured Servant- a person who sold his or her labor in exchange for passage to America**

**- Charter- a written contract issued by a government giving the holder the right to establish a colony**

**- Joint Stock Company- a business in which investors pool their wealth in order to turn a profit**

**- Mercantilism- an economic system in which nations increase their wealth and power by obtaining gold and silver and by establishing a favorable balance of trade**

**- Plantation- a large farm that raises cash crops**

**-Middle Passage- the middle leg of the triangular trade route-the voyage from Africa to the Americas- that brought captured Africans into slavery**

**-Subsistence Farming- farming that produces enough food for the family with a small additional amount for trade**

**-Debtors- a person that owes money**

**-Representative Self Government- citizens elect public officials and representatives to represent them in government**