**Chapter 4: Building the First Colonies**

Why did Europeans begin to set up colonies?

* Some Europeans left their home countries in search of **religious freedom** in the New World.
* Other Europeans came to the New World in search of wealth, trading **furs** or searching for **gold**.

Where did the Europeans build their colonies and what were they called?

* The Spanish built the colony of **New Spain** in 1535 in what would become Mexico.
* The English tried to start a colony in **Roanoke** in Virginia but when they returned to check on the colonists they had all vanished. It became known as the Lost Colony.
* The English later established **Jamestown** in Virginia and were led by John Smith.
* English Pilgrims established a colony in New England called **Plymouth**.
* French explorer Samuel de Champlain founded the colony of **Quebec** along the St. Lawrence River.

What was life like for the colonists?

* Government
* The colonists in Jamestown set up the **House of Burgesses** to govern their colony.
* The colonists in Plymouth used the **Mayflower Compact** as a form of self-government.
* Relationships with Native Americans
* The colonists in Jamestown initially fought with Native Americans but the princess **Pocahontas** brought about a short peace time.
* Other
* It was very hard to live in the New World; harsh winters and food shortages caused many colonists to die.
* Colonists in Jamestown grew **cash crops** like **tobacco**.
* In order to grow so many crops cheaply, the colonists used Native Americans and later Africans as **slaves**.

Important Vocabulary- see the glossary of your book for definitions and write them in here for practice :)

* Ally
* Cash crop
* Colony
* Compact
* Haciendas
* Indentured servants
* Legislature
* Mission
* Pilgrim
* Profit
* Raw material
* Slavery