

## Resource Sheet #11

# Student Vocabulary

**Colony** - A country or area that is ruled by a distant country

**Persecute** - To subject a race or group of people to cruel or unfair treatment

**Haven** - A place to go to for rest, shelter, or protection

**Immigration** - The act of people entering a new country to settle permanently

**Thrive** - To be successful and profitable

**Adapt** - To change in order to suit different conditions

**Cultivate** - To work land and prepare soil for growing crops

**Convert** - To adopt or accept new beliefs or opinions, especially religious beliefs

**Charter** - Formal written statement that gives permission to form a colony and explains the rights and responsibilities of those that settle in the colony

**Proprietary Colony** - A colony granted/given to an individual or group by the British Crown (King or Queen) with full ownership

**Voluntary** - Choosing to do something on your own

**Involuntary** - Being forced to do something by someone else

**Servitude** - To be ruled over or dominated by something or someone else

**Industrial** - Created by manufacturing, made in a factory

**Mercantilism**- A 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century European economic theory holding that a nation's power was dependent upon its wealth. In order to become wealthy and powerful a nation had to have colonies.

**Indentured** - An immigrant to North America during the 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries who contracted to work for an employer for a number of years in exchange for a payment of passage and accommodation

**Middle Passage** - The journey that captive Africans took across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas

**Convict** - Someone found guilty of a crime in a court of law

**Redemption** - To improve or save someone that has been found guilty of a crime or declined to a poor condition