

## Resource Sheet #13

### Guiding Questions for Documents/Resources

#### Resource Sheet/Student Background Essay

1. What was Cecil Calvert's reason for establishing Maryland?  
**Practice business and religion freely**
2. What did George Calvert seek from King Charles I?  
**Charter**
3. What were three reasons why people settlers came to Maryland?  
**Religious freedom, economic opportunity, and forced migration**
4. Explain the driving force behind Britain's desire to establish colonies.  
**Mercantilism: Theory that a country's power depends on wealth and wealth is derived from obtaining colonies**
5. What is an indentured servant?  
**Person that signs a contract to work off their debt or passage for a number of years. They are then given their freedom, 50 acres of land, clothing, year's supply of corn, and other necessities**
6. Explain how Africans were brought to the New World.  
**Kidnapped and forced via the Middle Passage**
7. What was the reasoning behind sending convicts to British North America?  
**To work on tobacco plantations and work off their prison sentences**

#### Resource Sheet #2

1. What is the title of this document? What type of document is this source?  
Title: **The Charter of MD, 1632**  
Type of Source: **Primary**
2. What is the main purpose of this document?  
**Give permission to start a colony**
3. What are at least three things that the document states should be accomplished?  
**Spread Christianity, the British Empire and farm**
4. Into what immigration factor or category does this document fall?  
**Religious and economic**

#### Resource Sheet #3

1. What type of document is this source?  
**Primary**
2. According to this source, who is responsible for paying and equipping people who want to settle in Maryland?

### **The settlers themselves**

3. How old must you be to settle in Maryland?  
**16 - 50**
4. If you immigrated to Maryland with at least five servants how much land would you be given?  
**1000 acres**
5. What was your yearly “rent” if you owned a plantation in Maryland?  
**20 Schillings**
6. According to your understanding of this document, what would have motivated people to move Maryland?  
**Economic opportunity/land**

### **Resource Sheet #4**

1. What is the purpose of this document?  
**Contract for and indentured servant**
2. What is the indentured servant to receive during their term of service?  
**Travel expenses, food, housing, clothing, and other necessities**
3. Considering the terms of the contract what are some advantages to being an indentured servant?  
**Work off debt, get land and freedom, needs are taken care of**
4. What might some disadvantages be to being an indentured servant?  
**You’re basically a slave**
5. Into what immigration category does this document fall? Explain your reasoning.  
**Forced migration: debt forces you**  
**Economic opportunity: get land**

### **Resource Sheet #5**

1. What type of source is this and what is its purpose?  
Type: **Primary**  
Purpose: **Advertisement**
2. What does this source tell you about people’s attitudes towards slavery in colonial Maryland?  
**Slavery was acceptable/slavery was needed for the economy and was a business**
3. What do you find interesting in the image?  
**Answers will vary**
4. Into what immigration category does this document fall? Explain your answer.  
**Forced migration. They were kidnapped and forced into slavery**

### **Resource Sheet #6**

1. What is this source? What type of sources is this image?  
**Secondary, painting**

2. What are some symbols or people you see in the image?  
**Priest, cross, Native Americans, settlers, tobacco barn**
  
3. According to the artist what is the main reason that people settled in Maryland? Support your answer with evidence from the image?  
**Religious Freedom: evidence will vary**

### **Resource Sheet #7**

Questions are on Resource Sheet

1. **Indentured servants**
  
2. **Slaves**
  
3. **Free labor, colonies expanding**
  
4. **198,400**  
**33.4%**  
**585,800 = 26% Free therefore 74% of population was forced**
  
5. **Most people were forced to the 13 colonies**
  
6. **That most people did not come to the colonies for religious freedom and economic opportunity, but were forced to migrate to the 13 colonies and Maryland**