

Colonization of the Americas

Directions: Using your summer assignment notes and the resources provided in class complete the chart.

	Portuguese	Spanish	French	English
Degree of Royal Control	-colonization initially led by private investors but their failures led to the monarchy taking control -governors appointed by the King			
Role of Economics in Exploration & Colonization	-driven by mercantilism -sought new sources of gold, ivory -sought new trade routes -interested in brazilwood			
Role of Religion in Exploration & Colonization	-Catholic -Jesuits led efforts to convert natives			
Social Structure	-slow growth; initially more interested in Africa & Asia -growing dependence on African slaves led to a large slave population -large racially mixed population			
Treatment of Native Americans	-initially cooperative -although Jesuits fought against enslavement, many were enslaved to work the sugar plantations			