



In 1713 there were 13 British colonies in North America: **New England colonies** middle class skilled workers and Congregationalists; **Middle Colonies** mostly small scale farming and welcomed all religions; **Southern Colonies** large tobacco and rice plantations, wealthy landowners and lots of African slaves

Rapid migration and expansion of British territory caused tension - increased demand for land and supplies

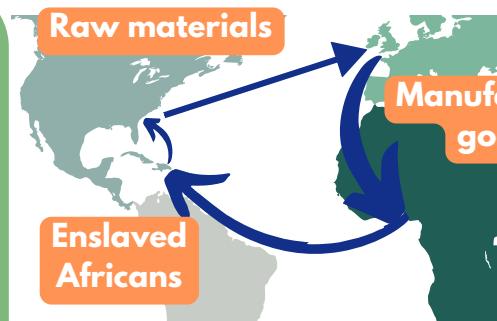
Religious diversity in colonies caused tension - many groups had fled to colonies

**Social tensions**

- Huge class tensions due to divisions in wealth and land
- Colonists mistreated Native Americans and stole land + resources
- Racism increased as slavery increased

#### New York Conspiracy (1741)

- March/April 1741 - series of 13 fires burned in Manhattan
- Indentured servant Mary Burton arrested and testified (under duress) to a growing conspiracy of poor whites and blacks to burn the city
- 100s detained; 13 slaves burnt at the stake; 17 hung; 4 whites executed; 80 slaves transported to West Indies
- Caused huge increase in prejudice against minorities



## BRITISH SETTLEMENT IN NORTH AMERICA, 1713-41

Slavery nearly entirely responsible for economy in **South Carolina** + slaves outnumbered free men in some areas

Fugitives hunted down by white **militias** and violently punished

1713 - Spain gave Britain **monopoly** on supplying slaves to Spanish colonies

Slaves seen as **property** and had **no legal rights**

**Florida** (Spanish colony) promised to protect slaves

Slaves provided workforce to make **tobacco** and **rice** production possible on a large scale



- Named 'Robin Hood' - stole from rich
- Captured over 50 ships, inc. slave galley Whydah - attacked British navy



- Attacked merchant ships, stole, ransomed captives
- Bribed governor of North Carolina to continue piracy

#### Smuggling

- Britain increased customs revenue on imports and exports in British America - led to increased smuggling to evade taxes
- 1721 - Britain banned fur exports to anywhere but Britain
- 1732 - **Hat Act** banned exports of beaver fur acts and limited production in colonies

#### The Stono Rebellion (1739)

- 9th September 1739 - 20 slaves stole guns and headed to **South Florida**, killing white colonists and attracting 100 other slaves
- South Carolina's lieutenant governor used local militia to attack rebels at Edisto River - killed many and none reached Florida
- Slave Code** (1740) placed more restrictions on slave movement and increased punishments for crimes committed by slaves

