What do we know about colonies?

Colonists came to the Americas because

Mercantilism is:

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With the discovery of the Americas, other countries begin to stake claims.

* They were sent by their governments to establish a hold in the Americas.

- Colonies provided products that other countries could buy for gold.

* There was limited wealth in Europe. Monarchs were looking for a way to increase their treasuries.
* The number one product in Europe was grain, and everyone grew it. There was no chance for exports.
* **Colonies**
  + Provide raw materials to England
  + Buy finished goods from England
  + Could trade only with England
* **England**
  + Imports cheap raw materials from the colonies
  + Exports finished goods to colonies and other nations