

Explorers, Pirates and Buccaneers: Opening the North Atlantic 1480-1620



Themes

- The First British Empire
- Exploration, Adventurers and Fishing
- International Rivalry with Spain
- The idea of a North Atlantic Empire
- Plantation Colonies in North America

The First British Empire

- The British empire until mid 1700s meant the north Atlantic
- How did this happen?

Exploration, Adventurers and Fishing

- Explorers sailing from the west of England
- The fishing grounds of Newfoundland



Explorers . . .

Search for north
West passage



International Rivalry with Spain

- Spain the leading power in Europe and the new world
- What was Spain's interest in Britain?
 - Dynastic and religious

International Rivalry with Spain

Pirates

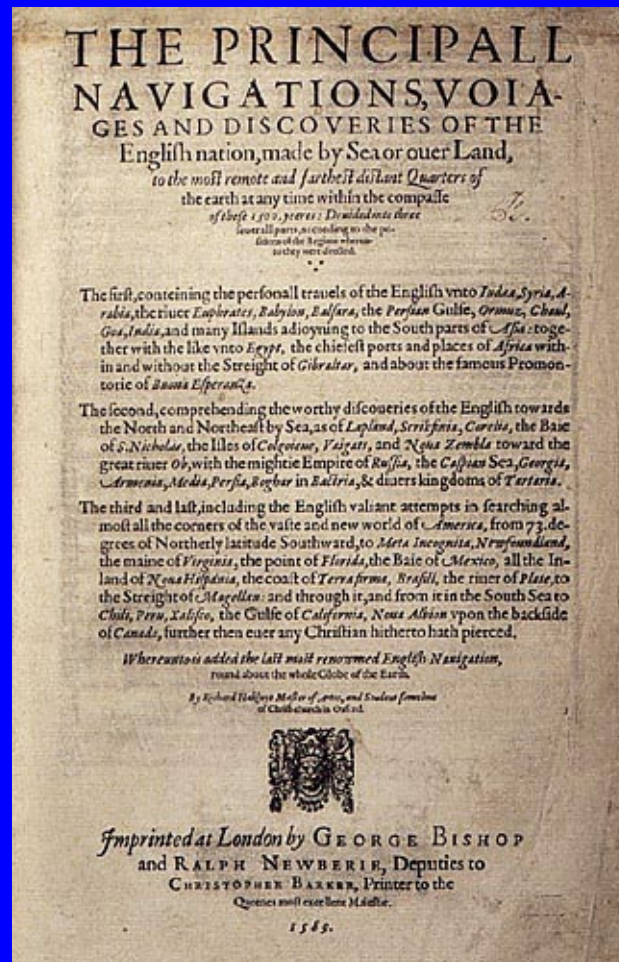


Buccaneers
Sir Francis
Drake

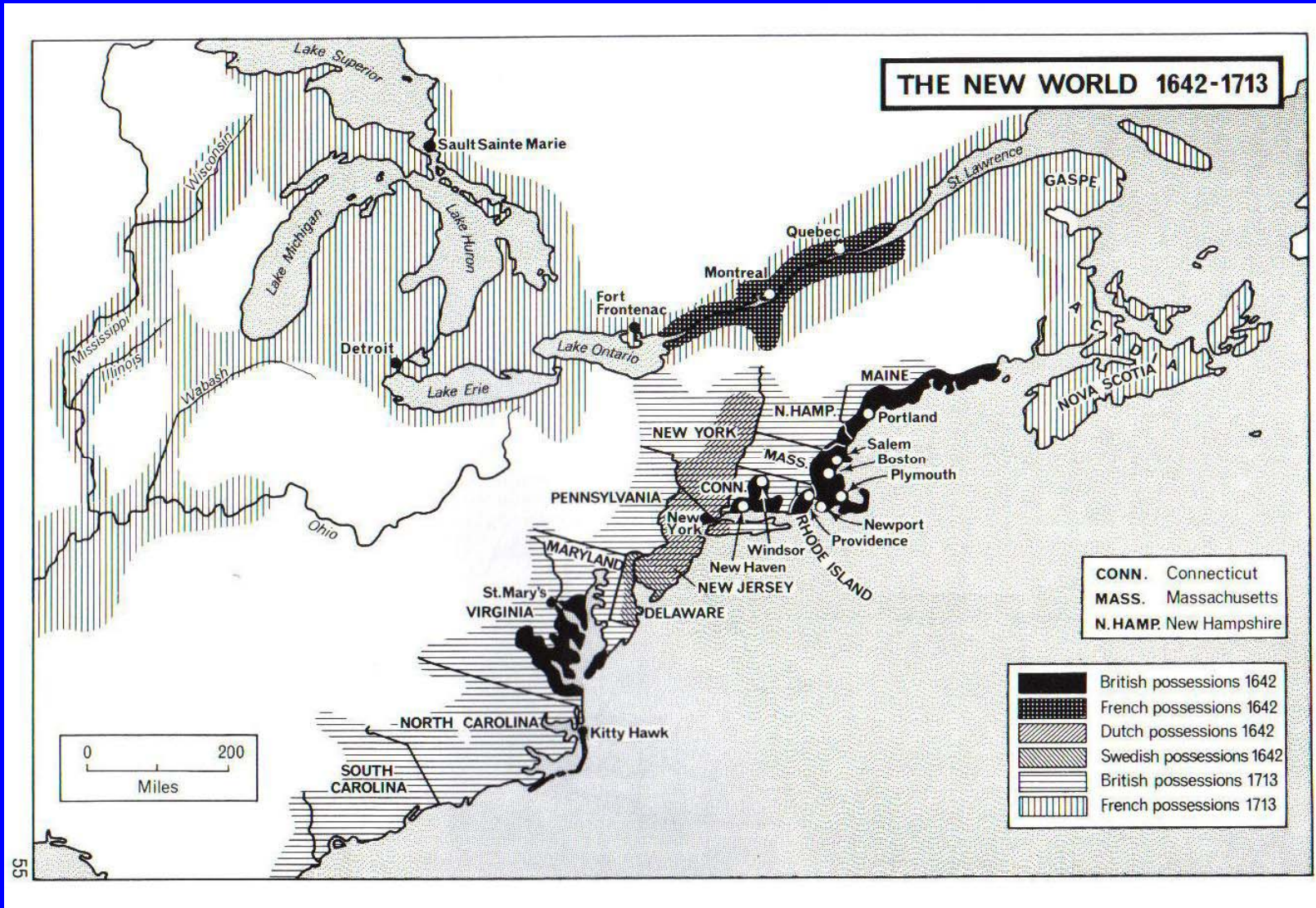


Idea of a North Atlantic Empire

Historical justifications
Richard Hakluyt
Religious justifications
Commercial justifications



Plantation Colonies in North America



Conclusion

- By 1600 idea of North Atlantic as legitimate place for England imperial designs established
- Ideology justifying it had been established
- Settlements established