

Questions to think about for class #2,

We'll be looking at the colonial settlements, primarily at the establishment of two of Woodard's "Nations" – New England and the South (both Tidewater and the Deep South). Here are some questions to consider. We might not have the time to discuss them specifically, so they are just meant to guide your thinking.

1. When we think of New England, we can usually point to certain characteristics that define this region today. (In addition to the terrific craft beer...and the Boston accent). What are some of these present-day characteristics that originated with the Puritans who settled in Massachusetts Bay?
2. Explore the same question for the South.
3. What was the effect of climate, the environment, and topography on the economies and labor systems for these two nations? Did the locations of these nations determine how the nations subsequently developed economically or was it the character of the people who settled there that determined the eventual path the nations took?
4. What was the effect of gender ratio and life expectancy on New England and the South?
5. "...the South was not founded to create slavery; slavery was recruited to perpetuate the south." What did Bertram Wyatt-Brown mean when he wrote this? (From *Albion's Seed* by David Hackett Fischer)