

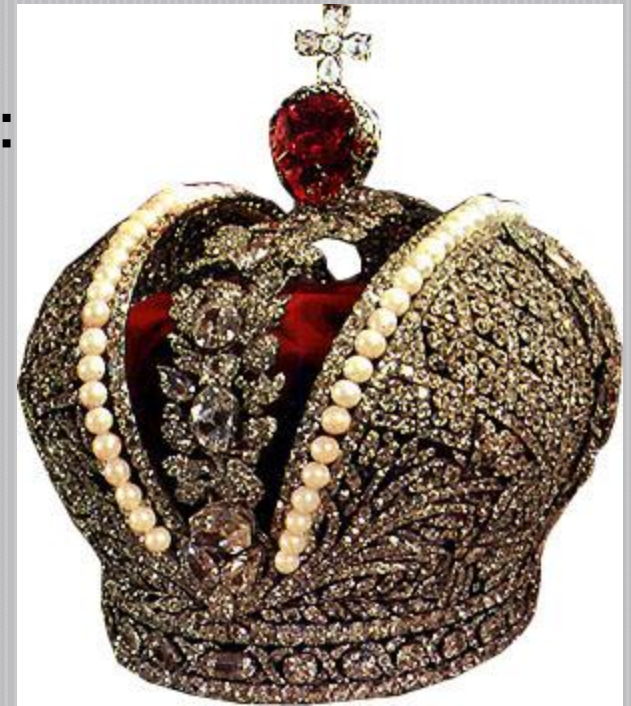
# COLONIAL UNIT

- Overview Lecture



# AGE OF ABSOLUTISM

- Nation-state grew out of feudalism
- Autocratic
- Colonies fed the need to be emperors (Spain, France, England)
- Seeds of democracy in Britain:  
Magna Carta, Parliament,  
Glorious Revolution



# AGE OF DISCOVERY

- Exploration driven by desire for spice trade and circumnavigation
- Trade opportunities fueled by joint-stock companies
- Eventually led to colonialism



# ECONOMY

- Mercantilism-moved away from feudal land acquisition to wealth based on MONEY derived from trade (merchants)
  - Initially explorers looking for GOLD
  - State controlled economy
  - Colonies provided cheap raw materials and markets for expensive finished products
  - Whenever possible kept economy closed to competing countries

# SOCIALLY

- Native Americans lost land, culture, lives
- African slaves lost freedom & lives, experienced great hardship
- Indentured servants provided cheap labor, but dreams not always realized
- Independent-minded colonists evolved out of reach of Britain: facing challenges to authority (Glorious Rev.) & rivalries w/ Spain & France