



Problems w/ Tobacco Economy

- need people to work tobacco land
 - birthrate *not high enough*
 - Indians *died too quickly*
 - Africans *too expensive*
- What do you do??

Headright System

- person who paid for the passage of an indentured servant received 50 acres of land



Indentured Servants

- agreed to 5-7 years of labor in return for free voyage to America
- unmarried men, late teens-early twenties
- treated as property



Bacon's Rebellion (1676)

- 1675 - war b/t Virginia settlers and Indians
 - settlers *murder chiefs under guise of peace*
 - Indians *"hit and run" white settlements*



- William Berkeley (Gov.) refuses to help
 - *Reasons*
 - trade w/ Indians
 - proponent of gradual expansion
 - feared loss of power in Indian relations



- Events (1676)
 - 1. Bacon attacks Indians in defiance of Berkeley
 - 2. Berkeley charges Bacon w/ treason
 - 3. Bacon kicks Berkeley out of Jamestown and burns it to the ground
 - 4. Bacon dies, rebellion crumbles

- Consequences:
 - *landowners*
 - need more "peaceful" kind of labor
 - look to Africa