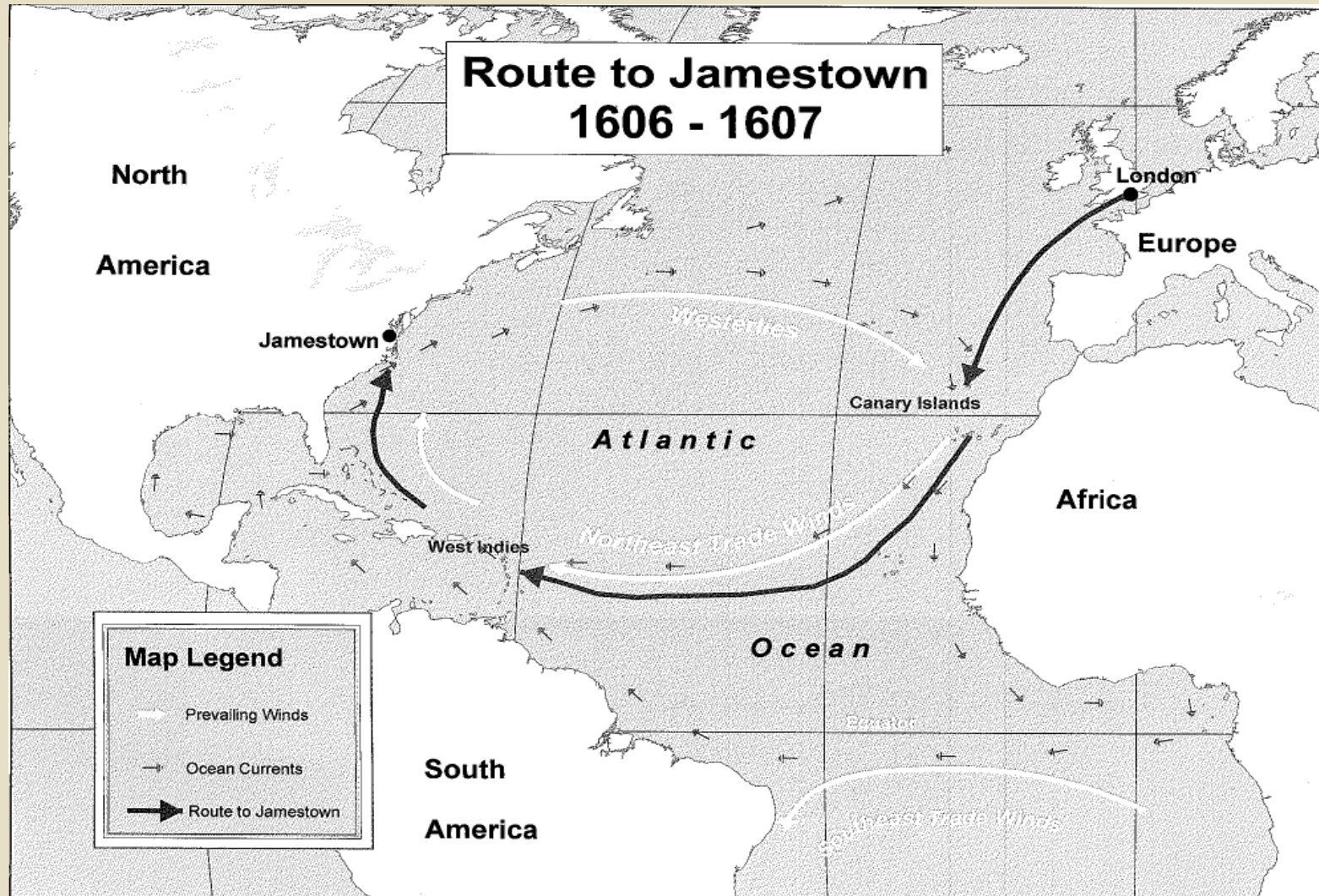




REASONS FOR ENGLISH COLONIZATION IN AMERICA

Why North America?

The British Route to Jamestown...



- What do you notice about this map?
- Why do you think they chose the route that they did?
- Do you think there were any natural influences on the route that was taken? Why or why not?

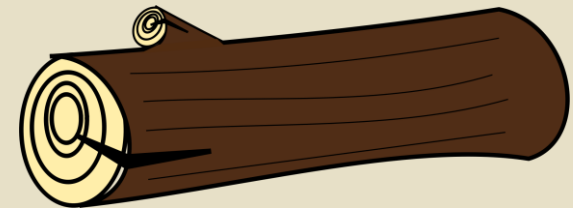
Turn to page 3 of your notes!!!

Reasons for English Colonization in America

- England wanted to start an American colony to increase their **wealth** and **power** so that they could compete with other European countries like Spain and France.
- They were hoping to be able to find **silver** and **gold** in America. (This would help increase their wealth!)



- An American settlement would give England **raw materials** (like wood and metal) they didn't have in England. This would allow them to increase their **trading** with other places.



Permission to Land...

- King James I, the King of England granted charters (written permission) to the Virginia Company of London.
- These Charters had three main rules:
 - Gave the Virginia Company of London permission to start a settlement in North America
 - Granted English rights to the settlers
 - Defined the physical boundaries of the colony (where the colony could be established.)



An Economic Venture...

Turn to page 7 to describe the founding of Jamestown!



- Jamestown was primarily an **economic venture**
 - An **economic venture** is a way to make money (that's its main purpose!)
- The **stockholders**, people who put their own money into the Virginia Company of London, paid for the settlement of Jamestown.



- In 1607, Jamestown was founded and became the first permanent English settlement in North America!

