

Q.: Discuss in detail the impact of British advent in USA?

BIRITISH ADVENT IN AMERICA

1. Introduction.

American continent was inhabited by some indigenous people including the Indians, Mayas, Toltecs, Aztecs and Incas, who had rich and diverse cultures, established their own societies, languages and way of life. The arrival of explorers had a profound impact on the indigenous population.

Though the American continent was for the first time discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492. However, this event marked the beginning of exploration and colonization in America. The first to explore America were Europeans, but the British did play a significant role in later explorations and colonization in North America, particularly with the establishment of James Town, Virginia. As far as the impacts are concerned, the advent in America led to the establishment of 13 colonies, which eventually formed the foundation of United States. British influence shaped the political, economic, and cultural landscape of the country.

Thirteen Colonies of America



2. Causes OF THE BRITISH ADVENT

Colonization is done by the people who leave their country and settle in a new country, making it a permanent home and these people remain under the protection of their mother country. During the 16th and 17th century, American continent was also explored by various European powers, encouraged their people to settle there. This led the competition among various European powers to settle and colonize the area.

Factors which encouraged colonization are :

1. Trade with the East : The temptation with the east was one of the factors that caused the American colonization. Ever increasing demand for Asian goods like spices, dry fruits, silk, cotton, raw materials etc. initiated Britishers to find new sea routes. As Turkish Muslims blocked trade route for Europeans with India, so they have to find the alternate way, which led to the discovery of American continent and its ultimate colonization.

2. Pressure of Population

As there was increased population living in Europe and their chief profession was agriculture and their cultivation methods were primitive, that was not enough for the growing number of population. These people needed much land to yield production to meet the needs of people. But they had not enough lands. At that time the news of America's discovery reached the people, gave them the ray of hope. So the European government encouraged their citizens to colonize the American lands that

provide home to their surplus population.

3. Desire for Wealth :

The first explorers Spain and Portugal during their exploration of American continent found surplus amount of gold, metals, silver and took those rich stores back to their home country. These wealth gains by Spanish and Portugueses made other countries eager to go to this part of world and share wealth with these powers. So after that Europeans and French also made explorations to the new world. These powers encouraged companies as well as individuals to settle in the unclaimed portion of the American continent.

4. Religious Factor :

The religious policies of rulers was also responsible for the colonization in American continent. As a result of these policies, religious intolerance increased in the European countries, forced the people to leave and practice their own religion freely. In this regard, first colony settled in Maryland, Massachusetts and then in

Connecticut and Rhode Islands. The colonier of Maryland and Virginia too settled their for religious factor.

5. Scientific and technological advancements.

At the time of colonization and exploration there were improved navigational methods, that was the new addition in scientific advancements. The colonization in 15th century was made possible through these improved navigational methods and instruments, maps.

6. Royal Patronage:

Of all the factors that encouraged the colonizations, protection by mother country was an important factor. No colonization would be possible, unless these colonizers were not protected, because at that time there were no norms or international laws. Portugees and Spanish were given protection by their kings. At first English were failed to colonize because of lack of state patronage. English succeed in founding colonies in America only when it was -

a royal patronage by the state.

Impacts OF BRITISH ADVENT IN AMERICA.

The British advent in America had a significant impact on country's history. It led to the colonization of various regions, the establishment of British colonies and the eventual formation of United States. The British presence influenced the Americans in every aspect of political, economic and social lives and helped them in shaping their identities. However, it also led to the conflicts and sparked tensions that ultimately led to the American Revolution and created a quest for country's independence.

Political Impacts.

British colonization of America left significant impacts on American history in political aspects which ultimately pave the way for the American independence.

Organized under one domain:

Before any explorations in American continent, native people were

divided in the tribes, there was not any political system there. After the British advent in America, they formed the colonies and played a significant role in organizing these colonies by establishing the colonial governments, implemented legal system and introduced. Such as British established the colonial system. Virginia House of Burgesses and the Massachusetts General court.

5. Economic Impacts.

1. Established the industries.

The British advent in America had significant economic impacts. British had established many industries in their presence which boosted the economy and provided the employment opportunities for the colonists. However, these industries had served the interests of Britishers rather than fostering independent economic development. With the advent of industries, agriculture manufacturing and trade also increased. They promoted the cultivation of crops like tobacco, rice and encouraged the production of iron and textile manufacturing.

6. Socio-cultural Impacts

British advent of America has brought significant socio-cultural changes along with political and economic aspects.

Britishness brought their language, customs, and legal system which shaped the foundation of American society.

1. British Imperialism

With their advent British Empire exerted its influence and control over various aspects of American society including, governance, trade, and culture. Imperialism shaped the socio-cultural landscape of America by introducing British cultural and customs, language and legal systems.

2. Introduction of Diseases.

Perhaps one of the greatest impact of British colonization of America was the introduction of Diseases.

Microbes, to which natives had no immunity led to death everywhere European settled. Along the New England coast between 1616 and 1618, epidemics claimed the lives of 75 percent of native people.

There was the highest mortality rate. Death of older ones means loss of

1 Knowledge and tradition, while the death of children only compounded the trauma, creating devastating implications for future generations. Some native people perceived diseases as a weapon used by colonial masters.

3 Introduction of Slavery.

One of the significant impact of British colonization is the introduction of slavery on the lands of America. Britishers brought enslaved Africans to American colonies, establishing a forced system of forced labor that had profound and lasting impacts on American society. This not only impacted the economy but had a profound impact on social hierarchies, race relations and overall development of America.

7 Technological Impacts.

1 New inventions.

There was a technological development with the British advent in America.

British brought advancements in various fields such as agriculture, manufacturing and infrastructure.

Britishers had invented the cotton gin, which was a remarkable

work of Ellie Whitney, that brought ease in the labor work and led to the tremendous economic gain in the American industries.

2. British military introduced modern weapons.

British introduced new weapons during their presence in America. They brought advancements in military by introducing firearms, artillery and military tactics gave them advantages in battles. This played a significant role in shaping the outcome of conflicts during that time.

8 Impacts on American - Geography

1 New Settlements

British established colonies along eastern coasts, which led to the establishment of new settlements expanded the American territories. Additionally, British claimed the territories along the Appalachian Mountains and acquired the part of great lakes region. These territorial gains and conflicts with indigenous people shaped the

geographical boundaries of America.

2. Uninhabited Lands brought under irrigation.

One of the major impacts of colonialism on America is, British brought about the expansion of agriculture and irrigation of lands that were previously uninhabited. The colonial masters with their new technological innovations introduced irrigation systems such as, canals, ditches and bring water to arid areas.

This allowed the cultivation of crops and directly impacted the economy and played a crucial role in shaping American geography and agricultural practices.

9 Impact on American demography.

1 American land became the home of different communities.

Establishment of British colonies led to rapid influx of British settlers in America which was previously claimed solely by native Indians. This led to the continuous growth of European population in America. Additionally

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British brought enslaved Africans to work on the plantations, which had lasting impacts on American demography.

Conclusion:

Conclusively, the colonial masters had colonized the American lands and expanded the American territory leading its way to the Independence of America and ultimately its way to become a superpower.

British advent, however, had its impacts on American's lives. It shaped the land and brought tremendous changes economically, socially and politically.