

- b. The "Germans"...largely in four categories and the term "Germans" is used to indicate the Teutonic peoples. Due to the general militaristic nature of the Teutonic peoples the religious background is more easily identified.
- (1) Lutherans: in this case those who have accepted the formula of Concord. There were not a lot of these at first...Germany (the Teutonic States) were not engaged in overseas exploration and settlement. They followed as the society became better entrenched. But there were a lot of them here by the war.
 - (2) Reformed: refugees from the Palatinate and victims of the Thirty Years War. Very Calvinistic and better pointed to the general concept of religious liberty.
 - (3) Anabaptists...largely Swiss and lowland Teutonic elements although not totally so. They had been persecuted very severely and were virtually all pacifists. They tended to be suspicious of government and were jealous protectors of anabaptist ideals in freedom of conscience and assembly.
 - (4) Sectarians...bodies that diverged from Lutheran and Reformed postures...generally quite small and later are better represented in the Moravians (not strictly Teutonic) and the Schwenkfelders.
- These classifications are for general purposes, of course, with the intention of helping us better understand the settlements as they develop.
- c. The "Dutch"...largely Netherlanders who had been exposed to a wider world view due to the large commercial interest of that land.
- (1) the Reformed...by far the major party. Calvinistic and committed to the work ethic.
 - (2) the Anabaptist...what is said for the German anabaptists above will be likewise said for these.
- d. The Scandinavians...virtually all Lutherans at the beginning but in later decades many of the non-conforming Swedes, Norwegians et al will come to the colonies for economic and religious release.
- e. The French: Mostly (in our course) the Huguenots, persecuted protestants desiring to carry out the calvinistic ideals of home and theology.
- f. And, of course, there are remnants of others. But essentially this is the religious background of the earlier settlers. You will know that there were also skeptics, deists, and various types of non-Christians among them. That is just par for the course.