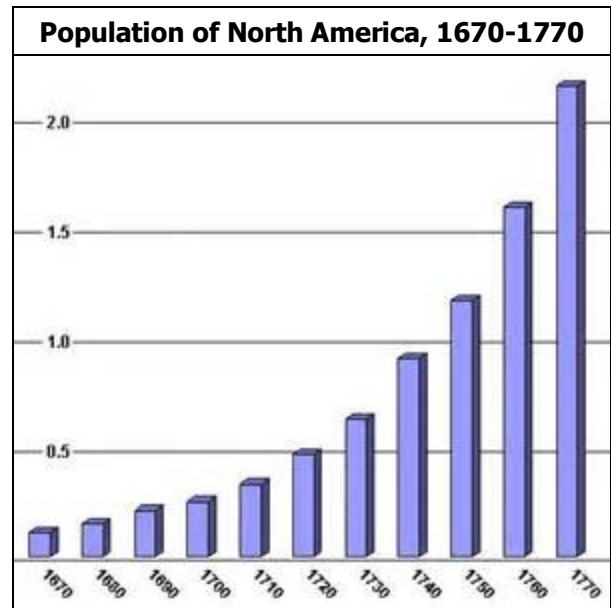
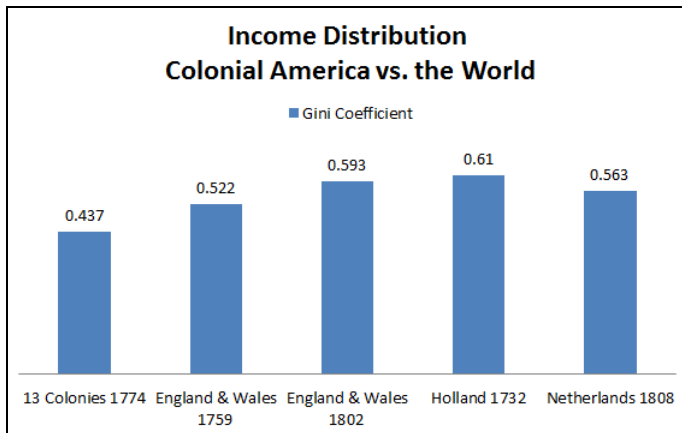


# Data on Colonial America

Region:	All 13 colonies	All 13 colonies	New England	Middle Colonies	South	South
Households:	All	Free only	All	All	All	Free only
Year:	1774	1774	1774	1774	1774	1774
Gini coeff	0.456	0.437	0.348	0.415	0.466	0.383
<b>Income shares in % of total income--</b>						
Top 1% of HHs:	8.9	8.5	3.9	5.8	8.3	7.0
Top 5%:	24.9	24.3	11.5	20.3	28.0	23.1
Top 10%:	35.7	35.4	19.8	30.4	37.9	35.0
Top 20%:	48.9	47.5	35.2	46.5	52.2	49.9
Next 40%:	39.1	38.6	52.8	39.2	39.4	29.7
Bottom 40%:	12.0	13.8	12.0	14.3	12.4	20.4
<b>Household income levels in \$ (at \$4.44/£ sterling) --</b>						
Mean:	407	447	273	322	549	705
Median:	343	383	368	308	449	535
Top 1% of HHs:	3625	3781	1063	1903	4556	4948
Top 5%:	2027	2175	626	1343	3081	3264
Top 10%:	1450	1585	541	924	2081	2467
Top 20%:	994	1063	452	767	1434	1760
Next 40%:	397	432	375	540	821	632
Bottom 40%:	122	155	82	118	171	251



## QUESTIONS:

1. Based on the data in the charts, what was the difference between rich and poor in America compared to Europe?
2. What wealth differences can you see between the three different colonial regions?
3. What social attitudes might this wealth distribution cause Americans to develop?
4. How might the income data have impacted the population growth data?

Note: The Gini Coefficient is a measure of inequality with 0 being perfectly equal and .999 the highest possible inequality.