• Religious leaders urge to spread religion+political unrest pushed protestants to American Colonies

• Huguenots settle in Florida in 1550’s-> 1556 Spanish arrive and establish Fort St.Augustine-> slaughter Huguenots-> 1573 Spain decides soldiers direct new settlements to gain religious political sway by destroying others-> Priest began establishing pueblos-> New area called New Mexico-> area converted to Catholicism-> Indians began rebelling and Spanish retreated from area-> 1610 Spanish return and found Sante Fe-> Eventually lose power in North American sticking to Florida and the SW

• Protestant Reformation shaped alliance that broke Spanish-American monopoly->Elizabeth I had commercial ties to Netherlands-> Sir Francis Drake made raids on Spanish ships and depleted their economy by cutting off trading-> 1588 Spain responds by sending whole Armada to crush English-> Dutch+English defeat Spain= Spain from America-> French, Dutch and English able to colonize Americas

• French looked for trade rather than conquest=>better colonizers than Spanish

• 1598 Henry IV enacted the Edict of Nantes-> religious tolerance towards Huguenots->religious wars ended-> focus now placed on American trade of fish and furs and religious spread-> 1608 Samuel de Champlain founded first permanent settlement Quebec-> Champlain allied Heron by using guns to defeat Iroquois-> great levels of trade between Heron and French-> French fur traders central + Indian wives=middle men-> Ojibwe and Dakota tribes allied by French-> Control trade in Great Lakes area now-> Montreal trading post fort established 1643-> pushed farther west-> Dutch ally Iroquois and crush French allies-> trade profits cut-> French kept moving west with disease and conflict-> many natives died-> Moved as far as Mississippi into Louisiana