INTRODUCTION & CH 1

- Summarized how book is arguing that slavery was not the great planters' natural response to market & economic changes, but was a thoughtful out action that was made possible by political connections.

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- Colonists immediately had conflict w/ Indians over food b/c colonists didn't provide for themselves.

- John Rolfe began experimenting w/ tobacco, and that's how the land craze began.

- Colonists began taking land f/ Indians by fraud & force, justifying this by saying Indians underused the land.

- The need for more & more land lead to Bacon's Rebellion in 1674.

- Slavery began to go hand in hand w/ land ownership: in order to have lots of slaves, you needed lots of land. In order to have lots of land, you needed lots of slaves.

- As an example of blacks' changing status, the census at that time referred to blacks as Negroes, not giving them last names, but also not yet classifying them automatically as slaves.