Chapter 5 1700-1775 Colonial society on the eve of Revolution

1. Conquest by the Cradle
2. By 1775 the population numbered 2.5 million people and 90 percent lived as rural farmers.

* Americans were multiplying well; the average age to have a kid was 16.

1. Mingling of the Races
2. America was a melting pot including of Germans (6%) who settled in Pennsylvania, and Scots-Irish (7%).

* Most of the population (95%) was cooped up east of the Alleghenies

1. The Scots-Irish over many decades had reached America and became squatters.

* They were good frontiers men but lawless and individualistic.