

The Great Awakening in New England

Religion in America

Recapturing the Spirit

- Decline in church membership & fervor
- Deterioration of community, discipline
- Innovations in preaching
 - “Harvests”
 - “Fire and Brimstone” sermons: scare tactic

Kindling the flames

- Jonathan Edwards in Northampton
 - 1735-39: “Showers of grace”
 - “Sinners in the hands of an angry God”
- George Whitefield, 1741
 - Friend & associate of John Wesley
 - Up the coast from Georgia
 - Fiery effect everywhere
 - New England set ablaze

The Revivals Flame Out

- The problem of itinerant ministers
 - Gilbert Tennent, Presbyterian from New Jersey’s “Log College”
 - *The Dangers of an Unconverted Ministry*
 - Excess: James Davenport crashes and burns
- Ministers divided: New Light, Old Light
 - Division of churches: Enthusiasm vs. coldness
 - Triumph of ministers is final blow to Puritan vision