

## American Colonies Study Guide

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1. What were the three earliest settlements in the New World? Which were successful? Which failed?

The first settlement was at \_\_\_\_\_, but it failed because all of its \_\_\_\_\_ disappeared.

The second settlement was \_\_\_\_\_, and it was successful after a very hard \_\_\_\_\_.

The third settlement was \_\_\_\_\_, and it was successful thanks to the help of the \_\_\_\_\_ Native Americans.

2. How and why was Roanoke settled? What challenges did the settlers face there?

The Colony of Roanoke was the \_\_\_\_\_ English settlement in the New World. Sir Walter \_\_\_\_\_ led it in 1585. At first, the settlers relied on the \_\_\_\_\_ for food and planted no crops of their own. but the colonists treated them \_\_\_\_\_. So, the natives stopped helping them, and the colonists ran out of food.

3. Why is it sometimes called the “Lost Colony of Roanoke”?

The settlers of Roanoke were found to have \_\_\_\_\_ disappeared when an English \_\_\_\_\_ returned to Roanoke. The English ship found an empty settlement. One word was \_\_\_\_\_ on the door of the colony: Croatoan.

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4. How and why was Jamestown settled? What challenges did the settlers face there?

The Virginia Company founded Jamestown in hopes of finding \_\_\_\_\_ or a passageway to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. The land that the settlers chose was \_\_\_\_\_-infested because it was a marsh, so many settlers contracted diseases and \_\_\_\_\_. It was also very cold in the \_\_\_\_\_. The ground was not great for farming. Native American tribes nearby were not always friendly.

5. Who was John Smith?

John \_\_\_\_\_ stepped up as a leader of \_\_\_\_\_. Smith grew his own \_\_\_\_\_. He made positive relationships with the \_\_\_\_\_ Native Americans nearby. Smith became frustrated with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the men in the colony. He decided that anyone who didn't work would not be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_.

6. What was the Starving Time?

The winter of 1609-1610 was very difficult.. The colonists became desperate for \_\_\_\_\_. They ate horses, cats, and even dogs. They also boiled down leather \_\_\_\_\_ and belts to eat. Only \_\_\_\_\_ of the original five hundred colonists survived the winter.

7. How and why was Plymouth settled? What challenges did the settlers face there?

Pilgrims looking for \_\_\_\_\_ started Plymouth. The Pilgrims did not know how to \_\_\_\_\_ the land where they settled, but fortunately, the Native Americans nearby were willing to help them establish their \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Why and how were the colonies divided into regions?

Regions were based mostly on colonies that were located \_\_\_\_\_ each \_\_\_\_\_. They were grouped this way because colonies that were located near each other shared \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ features that made them similar.



9. What was it like in the New England Colonies region?

- What motivated the people who settled in this region?

People looking for \_\_\_\_\_

- What types of people settled in this region?

Mostly \_\_\_\_\_

- What was the climate and geography like in this region?

Warm \_\_\_\_\_, long and cold \_\_\_\_\_;

growing season only lasts \_\_\_\_\_ months.

Rocky, \_\_\_\_\_ soil not ideal for farming; covered in

f \_\_\_\_\_ and hills with plenty of trees; long coastlines

with many harbors and \_\_\_\_\_

What was the economy like in this region?

Subsistence farming, fishing and \_\_\_\_\_ industry,

\_\_\_\_\_ industry

Which colonies were included in this region?

Massachusetts, Rhode \_\_\_\_\_, Connecticut, \_\_\_\_\_

Hampshire

10. What was it like in the Middle Colonies region?

- What motivated the people who settled in this region?

Religious \_\_\_\_\_ or making \_\_\_\_\_

- What types of people settled in this region?

Very \_\_\_\_\_ – Germany, Netherlands, Ireland, and England; \_\_\_\_\_, Protestants, Jews, and Catholics

- What was the climate and geography like in this region?

Warm and \_\_\_\_\_; enough warm weather for a \_\_\_\_\_ farming season

Fertile \_\_\_\_\_ for farming; \_\_\_\_\_ land with plenty of \_\_\_\_\_

- What was the economy like in this region?

Agriculture - \_W\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_ and R\_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturing – textiles and paper

- Which colonies were included in this region?

\_\_\_\_\_ York, \_\_\_\_\_ Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware

## 11. What was it like in the Southern Colonies region?

- What motivated the people who settled in this region?

Making \_\_\_\_\_ off the land

- What types of people settled in this region?

Most were wealthy E\_\_\_\_\_ who came and bought plantations; most were \_\_\_\_\_ (Church of England) but some in Maryland were \_\_\_\_\_

- What was the climate and geography like in this region?

\_\_\_\_\_ winters; \_\_\_\_\_ summers;

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ month long growing season

Rich, fertile soil ideal for \_\_\_\_\_

- What was the economy like in this region?

Agriculture – T\_\_\_\_\_ was the main cash crop in Maryland and Virginia;

cotton, \_\_\_\_\_, and indigo - South Carolina

- Which colonies were included in this region?

Maryland, \_\_\_\_\_ Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia,

G\_\_\_\_\_

16. What religions were practiced in the colonies?

Most were \_\_\_\_\_

The groups were There were Anglicans, \_\_\_\_\_,  
Separatists, Pilgrims, Catholics, and \_\_\_\_\_ Each group  
believed they should live life in different ways.

17. What was the House of Burgesses?

In 1619, the House of Burgesses was created to be the  
first \_\_\_\_\_ assembly. The members of the  
House would be selected by \_\_\_\_\_ colonists.. The  
House of Burgesses was the first \_\_\_\_\_  
government body in the colonies.

18. What was the Mayflower Compact?

The Mayflower Compact was created by the  
\_\_\_\_\_ This document laid out the plan for the  
Pilgrims to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves. They planned to  
make decisions based on a \_\_\_\_\_ vote of  
townsmen.

23. Why was slavery needed in the colonies?

Early settlements were centered around f\_\_\_\_\_ and pl\_\_\_\_\_. Farmers and plantation owners needed people to w\_\_\_\_\_ their fields. The only way f\_\_\_\_\_ could keep up with one another in making money was to h\_\_\_\_\_ sl\_\_\_\_\_.

24. What were the Triangular Trade routes?

The routes connected Great \_\_\_\_\_, Africa, the \_\_\_\_\_ World, and the West \_\_\_\_\_. Goods were traded back and forth.

25. What goods were traded along the routes?

S\_\_\_\_\_ were sent to america  
Cloth and manufactured \_\_\_\_\_ were sent to A\_\_\_\_\_  
Sugar tobacco, and c\_\_\_\_\_ are sent to E\_\_\_\_\_

26. What was the Middle Passage?

Slaves were taken from A\_\_\_\_\_ to the West I\_\_\_\_\_  
where they were s\_\_\_\_\_ and treated as if they were  
g\_\_\_\_\_, not people.