

The original 13 English colonies in North America and the idea of moving frontier.

Preparation: Have you ever wondered how America became the country it is nowadays?

1- Label the pictures by dragging a word from the chart, there are TWO EXTRA you do not need to use!

conquest - lumber - colony - factories - meetinghouse - enslaved -
artisans - merchants - plantation



THE ENGLISH COLONIES



Thirteen in All The United States began as a group of thirteen English colonies. These thirteen colonies did not begin all at once. Explorers and traders came first. Then slowly, over time, the colonies were created. The first colony was founded in Virginia in 1607, and the last of the thirteen colonies was founded in Georgia in 1732.

The first European settlers came here from England.

They brought with them everything they owned. When the settlers arrived, they had no family to greet them. Sometimes the Native Americans who already lived in North America welcomed the settlers. Other times, however, the Native Americans were not happy to see newcomers settling on their land.

There were no houses to live in, so many of the first settlers lived in tents. Some even lived in caves to survive. Their living conditions were harsh, especially during the winter. Many died of hunger, cold and disease. Even though life in the early colonies could be hard, most settlers did not return to England. They started a new life in a new place instead.

WHY THEY CAME. Early settlers had different reasons for coming to America. Some people came because they had been very poor in their homeland. In England and other countries, there were often not enough jobs or land. The new colonies needed workers, and as far as the settlers were concerned, there was enough land for everyone who wanted to stay. People who settle in a new place on behalf of another country are called colonists. The settlers were, in fact, colonists. Some colonists came because they thought they could get rich in America. Some hoped to find gold and silver. Others hoped that farming would make them wealthy. Some were people who had broken the law in England and, as part of their punishment, they were sent to the colonies in North America.

Colonists came for religious reasons, too. In England, not everyone could practice their religion in the way that they wanted. Some people came to America because they wanted to worship in their own way. For these colonists, living in a land where they could have religious freedom was important. Not everyone who crossed the Atlantic Ocean found opportunity and freedom. As the colonies developed and grew larger, some people from Africa were forced to settle in America. They did not choose to settle here. Instead, they were kidnapped from their homes and brought across the ocean to be enslaved workers.

Source: "The thirteen Colonies". Core Knowledge:History and Geography.

1- At the very beginning they lived in

- houses
- flats
- tents
- none of them are correct

2- Colonists decided to move to North America because:

- of the poverty where they lived
- in North America there were more chances to work
- for religious reasons
- all are correct

3- Before coming to North America, Colonists in England had:

- freedom of religion
- good opportunities to work
- all of them are correct
- none of them are correct

4- The first Colonists were from _____ but later people from other countries, like Africa, were joining.

- Germany
- France
- England
- China

5- Some Colonists:

- had the idea of find gold and silver in North America
- were people who had broken the law in England
- were brought in to be enslaved
- all of them are correct
- none of them are correct

3- Listening Watch the video and ANSWER TRUE OR FALSE 

1- The first settlers whaled and fished because of the rocky soil and the cold weather.

2-Slaves were handled in harsh conditions in all the colonies.

3-Each group of colonies had a different base for their economy.

4-The colonial region which had large plantations was Frontier

5-Pilgrims came to America on the Mayflower in 1620 and settled a colony in Plymouth.

4-Think about it ! Match the two halves.

1- Without a doubt, the creation of the 13 colonies

2- Slavery and indentured servitude were both

3- Large farms from Southern colonies

4-The house of the burgesses developed in Virginia was

5-Sharing among different peoples caused

E- cultures to mix, which helped the Middle colonies to grow and prosper.

A- deeply influenced America's progress and conflict.

C- grew cotton, indigo and tobacco, which they exported.

D- one of the first examples of representative government.

B- both forms of labor which were used in colonial America.