



AMERICAN COLONIES

1. Watch the video and choose the correct option.

The **USA** was not what it is today. Which was the first state of the thirteen colonies?

- A)
- B)
- C)

How many settlers arrive in the new world?

- A)
- B)
- C)

The Pilgrims' ship name was

- A)
- B)
- C)

How did the Dutch name New York?

- A)
- B)
- C)

When was New Jersey first established?

- A)
- B)
- C)

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2. Read the text and complete with the missing information from the options below.



Most people who came to the British colonies in the 1600s were English. Others came from 1)
By 1690, 250,000 people lived in the New World. By 1790, there were 2.5 million people.

People came for different reasons. Some left their homes to escape the war. Others sought political or religious freedom. 2) Some, like black Africans, arrived as slaves.

In time, the 13 colonies developed within three distinct regions.

The first settlements were along the Atlantic coast and on rivers that flowed into the ocean. In the Northeast, trees covered the hills and stones filled the soil, but water power was available. The Northeast was called New England, and it included Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. 3).....

4)The weather was milder and the countryside was more varied. People worked in industry and agriculture. Society was more diverse and sophisticated. People living in New York came from all over Europe.

The Southern colonies included Virginia, Georgia, and North Carolina, and South Carolina. The growing season was long and the soil was fertile. Most people were farmers. 5)..... The wealthy farmers owned large plantations and used African slaves as workers.

6)..... (Also called Indians) were good and bad. In some areas, the two groups traded and were friendly. In most cases, as the settlements grew bigger, the settlers forced the Indians to move.

- a) The economy was based on timber, fishing, shipbuilding, and trade.
- b) The Netherlands, Sweden, Germany, France, Scotland, and Northern Ireland
- c) The middle colonies included New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland.
- d) Some had to work as servants to pay back the cost of their trip before gaining their freedom.
- e) The relationships between settlers and Native Americans
- f) Some owned small farms that they worked on themselves.



3. Listen and complete

As time went on, all the _____ based on the British tradition of citizen participation. In Britain, the Glorious Revolution of _____ limited the power of the king and gave more power to the people. _____ closely observed these changes. Colonial assemblies claimed the right to act as local parliaments. They passed laws that limited the _____ governor and increased their own authority.

Disagreements between the royal governors and the assemblies continued. The colonists realized that their interests often were different from Britain's interests. At first, _____ - wanted self-government within a British _____. Only later did they want independence.



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4. Match the Colony with the region

Virginia

New York

Massachusetts

Maryland

Rhode Island

Connecticut

New Hampshire

Delaware

North Carolina

South Carolina

New Jersey

Pennsylvania

Georgia

SOUTHERN

MIDDLE

NEW ENGLAND

