READ THE FOLLOWING TEXT AND DECIDE WHETHER THE SENTENCES ARE TRUE (T), FALSE (F), OR DOESN'T SAY (DS)

The first Colonies

The European's fight to take control of North America and the New World was led by the Spanish and the French in America, and the British in North America, where they founded the first 13 Colonies. The colonies were founded between 1607 and 1733. The first thirteen colonies were divided into three regions, the New England colonies, the Middle colonies, and the Southern colonies.

The economic activities of each of the three regions depended on their geography and climate. New England's main activity was manufacturing, mainly focused on town life and industries, such as shipbuilding and the export of rum. The Southern Colonies' economy was based on agriculture, slave labor, and the Plantation system, exporting items such as tobacco, cotton, indigo, rice, and sugar. The Middle Colonies also exported agricultural products but were able to manufacture iron ore products too, like plows, tools, kettles, and iron, which they exported to England.

Religion in the Colonies was a major factor and had a significant effect on establishing the first colonies. An example of religious fervor in the Puritan colony of Massachusetts occurred in 1692 during the Salem Witchcraft Trials, in which more than two hundred people were accused, thirty of them were found guilty, nineteen of whom were executed by hanging (fourteen women and five men).

The European Population during the Colonial Era exploded. In 1630, the population of the colonies was 4,646 people, and by 1640 the colonial population had increased to 21,634. Within 60 years, there were 300,000 people in 1700, and the ratio of English settlers to other European colonists was 20 to 1.

1. **The New World was led by the Spanish, the Dutch, the French, and the Britains.**
2. **The First Colonies in North America were thirteen.**
3. **The colonies were founded between 1600 and 1730.**
4. **The first Colony was named after Elizabeth I.**
5. **The economic activities in the Colonies depended on their region.**
6. **The Middle Colonies only manufactured iron ore products.**
7. **Religion was one of the main causes of the founding of the Colonies.**
8. **Colonial population decreased between 1630 and 1640.**

READ THE DEFINITIONS AND MATCH THEM WITH THE CORRECT COLONY.

a- Founded by Thomas Hookerwas and also known as a Puritan state.

b- Parts of the original colony eventually became part of Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

c- The third Colony to be established in Colonial America.

d- Colony founded by William Penn as a haven for his fellow Quakers.

e- The first colony to formally declare its independence from Great Britain.

f- Colony founded by eight British nobles with a Royal Charter from King Charles II.

g- The First Colony to be established in Colonial America.

h- Established in 1732 to protect South Carolina and other southern colonies from the Spanish invasion.

MARYLAND

RHODE ISLAND

MASSACHUSETTS

GEORGIA

CONNECTICUT

VIRGINIA

PENNSYLVANIA

SOUTH CAROLINA

LIVEWORKSHEETS