13 COLONIES

In these activities we will learn more about the topic and its idea of moving frontier. Please read the tasks carefully and carry them out below.

1- Read the text and then match the sentences.

13 Colonies

The 13 colonies were a group of settlements that became the original states of the United States of America. Nearly all the colonies were founded by the English, and all were located along the East Coast of North America. In 1776 the 13 colonies declared their independence from Great Britain. The names of the colonies were Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COLONIES

In 1607 English settlers founded Jamestown, Virginia, the first permanent English settlement in North America, and in 1624 Virginia became a royal colony. The Puritans known as the Pilgrims founded Plymouth, the second English colony in America, in 1620. New Hampshire was settled in 1623, but it did not gain its name until 1629.

In 1630 another group of Puritans founded the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Massachusetts controlled New Hampshire from 1641 to 1679, and in 1691 Plymouth was joined with Massachusetts.

Some colonists from Massachusetts settled in Connecticut in the 1630s. It became an official colony in 1662. Another group from Massachusetts founded Rhode Island in 1636. That group was led by the minister Roger Williams, who disagreed with the religious rules of Massachusetts. A group of Roman Catholics founded Maryland in 1634.

Settlers from other countries founded colonies as well. The Dutch founded New Netherland in 1624. The Swedish settled in Delaware, part of New Sweden, in 1638. The Dutch and the Swedish also moved into what is now New Jersey.

In the 1650s the Dutch took over the Swedish lands, but in 1664 the English took over all the Dutch territory. From that time to independence, all the colonies were ruled by the kings and queens of England. New Netherland was renamed New York by the British, and that colony governed New Jersey until 1738.

In 1681 an English Quaker leader, William Penn, set up the colony of Pennsylvania. Delaware became part of Pennsylvania the next year. Delaware formed its own government but remained under Pennsylvania's control until independence.

The Carolina region had become an English colony in 1663. In 1729 Carolina was split into North and South Carolina. Georgia—the last of the original 13 colonies—was settled in 1733.

THE COLONIES AND BRITAIN

For most of the time that the colonies were under British rule, the monarchy allowed them a great deal of freedom. Most of the colonies set up forms of self-government. The colonists also developed their own society and economy. Relations between Britain and the American colonies grew worse after the French and Indian War (1754–63). The British wanted the colonists to pay taxes to help pay for the war, but the colonists did not want to pay taxes without being represented in the British Parliament. These disagreements led to the American Revolution.

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1. The 13 colonies declared their independence...	a. by a group of Roman Catholics.
2. Jamestown was founded…	b. in 1776.
3. Maryland was founded…	c. was split into North and South.
4. The region of Carolina....	d. by English settlers in 1607.
5. The last of the 13 original colonies…	e. was Georgia, settled in 1733.
6. Although Delaware had its own government…	f. most of them set up self-governments.
7. Most of the time the colonies were under British rule, but…	g. it remained under Pennsylvania's control until its independence.
8. The French and the Indian War led to…	h. without the representation of the British Parliament.
9. Moving frontier implied that the colonies should pay taxes, but…	i. ended up in the American Revolution.
10. The dissension among the colonies and Britain...	j. an even more difficult relationship between Britain and the American colonies.

2- Watch this funny video which is about the beginning of the colonies. You can watch it twice or as many times as you need. Pay attention to the key words and complete the blanks.

1- People from _____ cross the ocean to _____.

2- English people were not unsatisfied with the King's_____.

3- People traveled alone or with their _____.

4- People did not have _____ so they could not vote.

5- The earliest colony was _____.

6- (South) Carolina is next to _____.

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