

13 ORIGINAL COLONIES



GRADE 4-6

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Classroom Procedure:

1. Display the first letter only of the original 13 colonies in the order they were established (V, M, N, M, C, R, D, N, S, N, N, P, G; option: add the second half of two-word colonies). Ask students: What do you think these letters stand for?
2. Allow for responses and discussion. Give hints for the correct response. Following sufficient time, reveal the answer if unknown to the students.
3. Ask students if they can create a mnemonic device to recall the names of the colonies in order. Allow students sufficient time. Once completed, volunteers share and the class can vote on the best.
4. Distribute 13 Original Colonies content pages. Read and review the information with the students. Save the final question for the lesson closing. Use the additional resources to enhance understanding.
5. Distribute Activity page. Read and review the instructions. Pair students. Allow access to the Internet. Distribute paper for the booklets. Give students sufficient time to complete the activity. Remind students to share the work with their partners.
6. Once all booklets are completed, allow students to share the booklets with their classmates, exchanging them with each other, discussing the contents. Choose a prominent location to display the booklets.
7. Distribute Practice page. Check and review the students' responses.
8. Distribute the Homework page. The next day, check and review the students' responses.
9. In closing, ask: *Which colonies would you choose to live/not live in, and why or why not?*
10. Allow for responses and discussion. The students will pick the one they would live in and the one they would not like to live in, telling why and why not.

Approximate Grade Level: 4 – 6

Objectives: The students will be able to identify the 13 original colonies of the United States, characteristics of each, founders of, and other related information. The students will be able to compare and contrast the colonies.

State Educational Standards*

LB.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.3
LB.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.5
LB.ELA-Literacy.W.4.3
LB.ELA-Literacy.W.4.7
LB.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.3
LB.ELA-Literacy.W.5.2
LB.ELA-Literacy.W.5.3
LB.ELA-Literacy.W.5.7
LB.ELA-Literacy.SL.6.2
LB.ELA-Literacy.RH.6.4
LB.ELA-Literacy.RH.6.10

Class Sessions (45 minutes):

At least 3 class sessions.

Teaching Materials/Worksheets:

13 *Original Colonies* content pages (4),
Activity page, Practice page, Homework page

Student Supplies:

Internet access, colored pencils, paper for the booklets, handouts

Prepare Ahead of Time: Access to Internet or other sources for activity, paper for "Colony Booklets", use of stapler or other method to secure booklet pages. Copy handouts.

Options for Lesson: Students may work alone for the activity. Individually assign students one of the colonies to research and present to the class. Students compare and contrast the original colonies to the states that exist today. Invite a historian to speak to the students about the 13 original colonies. If possible, for a fieldtrip, visit a historic location within one of the 13 colonies. Plan a "Colony Day" with all subject areas and work related to the 13 original colonies. Use the practice or homework pages as a quiz

*Lessons are aligned to meet the education objectives and goals of most states. For more information on your state objectives, contact your local Board of Education or Department of Education in your state.



Teacher Notes

The lesson focuses on the Original 13 Colonies. It spends some time on how the colonies were established, but the lesson is mainly concerned with each of the colonies, their founders, location of, similarities and differences between, and other information about each colony. Many students are most likely familiar with the 13 colonies, but may not be aware of the history of each. There is abundance of information on the Internet related to the 13 colonies and it suggested a video or two be presented to the class. The lesson may be used in conjunction with the lesson: *Colonial Times*.

What is a Colony?

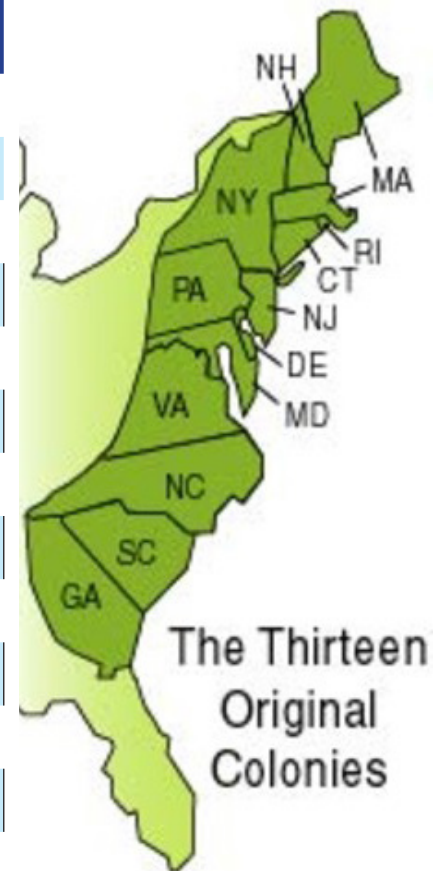
Did you know there are still colonies in the world today? A **colony** is an area of land or a region that is under full or partial control of another country. It is usually located far away from the controlling country. Colonies today may also be referred to as **territories**. As of 2016, there were about 61 colonies or territories in the world. A few colonies or territories of the United States includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and about ten others.[Image: map showing Puerto Rico]

In the 1600s, though the original 13 colonies of the United States were established along the East coast stretching from New Hampshire in the North to Georgia in the South. During that time, the colonies were controlled by England, but settlers from all over Europe came to the New World to start a new life.

The colonies were established to increase the British Empire, with the English wanting to find wealth and to create new jobs and trading ports along the coast of the Americas. Even though all of the colonies were established by people from Europe, each colony was unique, and many of them were founded by religious groups or leaders seeking religious freedom. Others were founded by those looking for new opportunities for trading and for profits.

The 13 Original Colonies are often divided into three regions: New England Colonies, Middle Colonies, and Southern Colonies.

Year*	Colony	Abbr.	Founder**
1607	Virginia	VA	London Company
1620	Massachusetts	MA	Puritans
1623	New Hampshire	NH	John Mason
1634	Maryland	MD	Lord Baltimore
1635	Connecticut	CT	Thomas Hooker
1636	Rhode Island	RI	Roger Williams
1638	Delaware	DE	Peter Minuit
1653	North Carolina	NC	Virginians
1663	South Carolina	SC	Nobles
1664	New Jersey	NJ	Lord Berkeley & George Carteret
1664	New York	NY	James, Duke of York
1682	Pennsylvania	PA	William Penn
1732	Georgia	GA	James Oglethorpe



*Some sources may show different founding dates.

**The founder shown is usually the leader of a group.

The Original Colonies

NEW ENGLAND COLONIES

Connecticut

- Named from a Native American phrase meaning: *river whose water is driven by tides or winds*
- Thomas Hooker was told to leave Massachusetts, so he founded this colony
- Group of colonists wanted more freedom and financial opportunities
- **Pequot Indians** defeated and wiped out by the settlers between 1636-1637

Massachusetts

- Founded by Puritans and John Winthrop and Thomas Dudley
- The first Pilgrims settled here in Plymouth, there were 41 English colonists
- Had the first written government framework in the New World
- Played a key part in the American Revolution during the Boston Tea Party

New Hampshire

- The land was granted to John Mason for a planned colony in the New World
- He sent settlers here to create a fishing colony
- At one time it was part of Massachusetts

Rhode Island

- Originally called "Roodt Eylandt" meaning *red island* due to red clay found here
- The founder was banished back to England from Massachusetts but fled to Providence. The settlement grew and became Rhode Island
- The colony was the first to guarantee all citizens religious freedom
- It founded on separation of church and state, and is known for its independence
- The colony was the last to ratify the U.S. Constitution

MIDDLE COLONIES

Delaware

- Dutch wanted to establish trading posts and colonies around the world
- Area was explored by John Hudson in 1609. Hudson River named for him.
- By 1611 the Dutch set up fur trading with the Native Americans
- Delaware was part of Pennsylvania until 1703

New Jersey

- Settlers were promised many benefits to colonize and live in this area
- Two important benefits included a representative government and freedom of religion, which led to the colony's quick growth
- 400,000 acres were granted to Baptists, Quakers, and Puritans
- New Jersey had been divided into East and West Jersey in 1674 until 1702

New York

- Area was threatened by four English warships wanting to take over the town
- The people surrendered without a fight because they were permitted to keep their businesses and commercial rights
- English government renamed the town after James, the Duke of York

Pennsylvania

- William Penn was a Quaker who was given a land grant from King Charles II
- Pennsylvania was created to allow for the freedom of religion
- Penn's desire wanted to protect himself and fellow Quakers from persecution
- By 1700 the colony was the 3rd biggest and richest colony in the New World
- In 1688, the Quakers created and signed the 1st written protest against slavery

SOUTHERN COLONIES

Georgia

- The last of the 13 colonies to be created, 50 years after Pennsylvania
- Originally to be settled as a place for people in British prisons who owed money, called debtors, as a way to stop prison overcrowding
- King George II, though, wanted it for protecting South Carolina and other southern colonies from Spanish invaders
- The colony was named after King George II
- Plantations and slavery became a major part of its economy

Maryland

- Founded by Cecil Calvert, also known as Lord Baltimore
- Sought a colony first for economic gain and then for a place where Catholics could live without fear of persecution
- Named in honor of Henrietta Maria, the queen consort of Charles I
- First settlers only included 17 Catholics, the other 123 were protestant indentured servants
- Tobacco was a very profitable crop for the colony

North Carolina

- Though founded in 1663, the first settlement in 1587 was Roanoke Colony
- John White arrived along with 120 settlers, including his daughter and husband who gave birth to the first English person born in America
- The colonists in that area mysteriously disappeared 3 years later
- In 1663, King Charles II gave the Province of Carolina to eight men who helped him regain the throne of England
- The “Lost Colony” of Roanoke was located in what is now North Carolina

South Carolina

- Due to internal problems among those who settled North Carolina, the area was split into North and South Carolina
- It was one of the wealthiest colonies of the 13
- The colony had more Revolutionary War battles than any other colony

Virginia

- Jamestown became the first settlement in the New World, the first colony
- Originally founded to gain wealth, and also to convert the natives to Christianity
- The first name for the colony: Colony and Dominion of Virginia
- Provided a source of fertile land in the form of the cash crop at the time: tobacco
- Area chosen because it was surrounded on three sides by water and can be easily defended

More About the Colonies

- The colonies existed until 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was signed, protesting against the taxes the people had to pay to Britain
- During colonial times, each had their own self-government, but only white men were permitted to vote for the governor they wanted to lead the colony
- By 1775 the population of the colonies was about 2.5 million, mostly British, but some were German or Dutch
- The thirteen original colonies each had their own identity and reasons for the settlers to come to the New World.

What many of them did have in common though, included freedom from the rule and taxation of Britain, the freedom of religion, and the opportunity to find a place they can call home and raise their families.



Which colonies would you choose to live/not live in, and why or why not?



Instructions – with a partner

1. You will create a “Colony Booklet”
2. Using the Internet and other resources research interesting facts about each of the colonies from that time period
3. Trace and enlarge the outlines of each colony using the paper provided by your teacher
4. Save space on the page to include the research about each colony
5. Label the colony and include the towns or cities from the time period on each colony outline
6. You and your partner will share the work and effort involved with the “Colony Booklet”.
7. Be creative, be neat, be sure writing or printing can be read and is understandable
8. You must also include a cover page and title for the booklet
9. Creatively design the cover page
10. Include a blank back cover page
11. Include both you and your partner’s name on the front cover
12. Secure all pages into a booklet

OUTLINE OF COLONY
INTERESTING FACTS

Sample Page

Location of map outline and interesting facts may vary from page to page, or remain the same on each page.



Practice

Name _____ Date _____



Match the fact to its colony

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| 1 _____ Founder wanted to protect himself and Quakers from persecution. | A Connecticut |
| 2 _____ Settlers sent here to begin a fishing colony. | B Delaware |
| 3 _____ Originally settled as a place for Catholics. | C Georgia |
| 4 _____ Threatened by English warships wanting to take over. | D Maryland |
| 5 _____ First colony to guarantee religious freedom for its citizens | E Massachusetts |
| 6 _____ The last of the 13 colonies to be created. | F New Hampshire |
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| 8 _____ Pequot Indians defeated and wiped out by the settlers. | H New Jersey |
| 9 _____ The colony had more Revolutionary War battles than any other. | I North Carolina |
| 10 _____ Representative government led to colony's quick growth. | J Pennsylvania |
| 11 _____ Location of Jamestown, 1 st settlement in the New World. | K Rhode Island |
| 12 _____ Dutch set up fur trading with the Native Americans. | L South Carolina |
| 13 _____ First Pilgrims settled here in Plymouth. | M Virginia |

List each of the following:

New England Colonies

Middle Colonies

Southern Colonies



Homework

Name _____ Date _____



List the colonies by:

<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Alphabetically</u>	<u>Year Founded</u>	<u>North to South</u>	<u>Favorite to Least Favorite</u>

Answer each question or fill in the blank

What is an area of land or region that is under full or partial control of another country?

Today, Puerto Rico and Guam are both _____ of the United States.

The colonies were originally established to expand the _____ Empire.

The 13 original colonies existed until what year?

The population of the colonies included _____ people.

What town was the first settlement in the New World?

True or False: There are still colonies in the world today.

Many colonies were founded by _____ groups or leaders.

True or False: Only white men and women were permitted to vote in colony elections.

What document was signed in 1776?





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NH	Georgia	New Hampshire	New York	
MD	Massachusetts	Maryland	Rhode Island	
CT	Maryland	Connecticut	Connecticut	
RI	North Carolina	Rhode Island	Pennsylvania	
DE	New Hampshire	Delaware	New Jersey	
NC	New Jersey	North Carolina	Delaware	
SC	New York	South Carolina	Maryland	
NJ	Pennsylvania	New Jersey	Virginia	
NY	Rhode Island	New York	North Carolina	
PA	South Carolina	Pennsylvania	South Carolina	
GA	Virginia	Georgia	Georgia	

Answer each question or fill in the blank

What is an area of land or region that is under full or partial control of another country? **colony**

Today, Puerto Rico and Guam are both **territories** of the United States.

The colonies were originally established to expand the **British** Empire.

The 13 original colonies existed until what year? **1776**

The population of the colonies included **British, Dutch, and German** people.

What town was the first settlement in the New World? **Jamestown**

True or False: There are still colonies in the world today.

Many colonies were founded by **religious** groups or leaders.

True or **False**: Only white men and women were permitted to vote in colony elections.

What document was signed in 1776? **Declaration of Independence**