

13 COLONIES

A colony is a territory or piece of land that is settled by groups of people but is governed by another country. The United States of America started off as 13 original colonies ruled by Great Britain before becoming its own country.

The colonies attracted people for different reasons, including religious freedom, making money, and a fresh start. No matter the reason, more and more settlers went to America and the colonies were founded one by one.

The colonies were divided into 3 geographic regions: New England Colonies, the Middle Colonies, and the Southern Colonies. New England Colonies included Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. Middle Colonies included Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. Finally, Southern Colonies included Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

New England Colonies had a lot of mountains with trees, rivers, and drier soil with rocks that made it a poor choice for agriculture (farming). They had natural resources such as wood from the trees, and fish. They had to import food and farming products from other colonies. Their weather consisted of very cold winters and that meant less diversity. The north were all Puritans (Protestants, a type of religion) and had no religious freedom.

Middle Colonies were a mix of both north and south in terms of geography. They had mountains and rivers as well as hills and flat lands. The Middle Colonies had good farmland and agricultural conditions like good weather, as well as natural resources such as wood, coal, fur, and iron. The Middle Colonies did not have a specific religion and instead welcomed religious freedom.

Southern Colonies had coastal plains, fertile soil. The south worked on large farming estates (land where crops were raised) that grew cotton, tobacco, rice, sugar cane, and indigo (dye). Much of

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The U.S. started off as
original colonies



France



Spain



Great Britain



Germany

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New Hampshire was
founded by ____.



John Mason



Lord Baltimore



Peter Minuit



William Penn

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Why did settlers
come to America?



Money



Religious freedom



Fresh start



All of the above

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When did settlers
land in Jamestown?



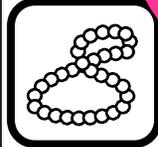
1603



1607



1609



1615

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Where was Jamestown?



Florida



Pennsylvania



California



Virginia

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Which colony was founded to protect South Carolina from invasion by the Spanish?



Alabama



Florida



Virginia



Georgia

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The colonists and Britain fought against ___ in the French and Indian War.



New Amsterdam



New France



New York



New Mexico

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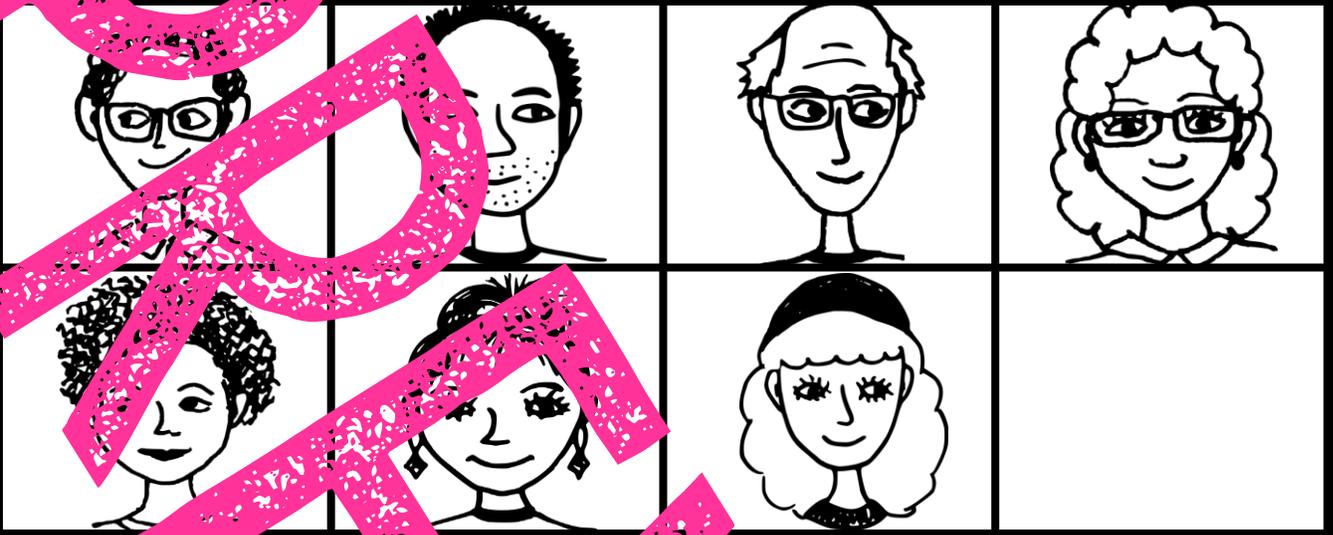


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CASE FILE

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SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

CONGRATULATIONS

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THE CASE!



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