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The British government passed the \_\_\_ Act, which forced colonists to house and feed British soldiers.

- PENNY
- QUARTERING
- TEA
- COHESIVE

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What is another name for the Intolerable Acts?

- COERCIVE ACTS
- QUARTERING ACTS
- STAMP ACTS
- TEA ACTS

# WANT TO TRY A SCAVENGER HUNT?

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# STUDENT DIRECTIONS

Make sure you have a yellow, blue and green highlighter or crayon. You will also need a pen or pencil.

Read the passage, mark your text, answer the questions on the back.

Complete BOTH sides of the worksheet.

**READING  
PASSAGE**



## SAMPLE PASSAGE

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18. At the time, 18 year olds could be forced to serve in the military, but could not vote.

The U.S. Constitution was written in the same Pennsylvania State House where the Declaration of Independence was signed. "Pensylvania" is spelled wrong in the document.

The Constitution was signed on September 17th, 1787. The Constitution is the supreme law of the United States of America.

The Constitution has 4,400 words. It is the oldest and shortest written Constitution of any major government in the world.

The Constitution is stored in the National Archives Building in Washington, DC. All four copies are behind protective glass framed with titanium. The cases contain argon gas and are kept at 67 degrees to preserve the parchment's quality.

Over the past 230 years, more than 11,000 amendments, or changes, have been introduced in Congress.

As of 2019, twenty seven of those have received the necessary approval from the states to become an amendment.

The first ten amendments are called the Bill of Rights. Those ten amendments guarantee that U.S. citizens have their rights protected. The Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791.

**WORDS TO KNOW**  
Constitution- written plan of government  
Supreme- highest ranking  
Ratified- approved  
Congress- the law-making body

**SYMBOLS**  
Underline the "Words to Know" found in the passage. (see bottom)

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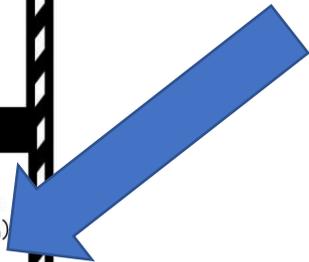
! Something that surprised you

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**COLOR**  
[YELLOW] ▶ How is the Constitution stored?  
[GREEN] ▶ Changes in the last 230 years  
[BLUE] ▶ Where was the document written?

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**TEXT  
MARKING  
DIRECTIONS**



**WORDS TO  
KNOW LIST**

# 13 COLONIES

When people talk of "Colonial America", they are referring to the Thirteen Colonies before 1776. The thirteen colonies were thirteen British settlements along the Atlantic coast in the present-day United States.

These thirteen colonies can be broken up into three geographic areas: (1) the New England Colonies, (2) the Middle Colonies, and (3) the Southern Colonies. The New England Colonies included Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire. The Middle Colonies included New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. The Southern Colonies included Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

The first colony to be settled was Jamestown, Virginia. It was settled in 1607 by John Smith and businessmen from England. The next settlement was founded in 1620 in Plymouth (which eventually became part of Massachusetts).

Most of the colonies were settled for two reasons: (1) to make money, and (2) religious freedom. Colonies made money by exporting things such as tobacco and fur. Many different groups came for religious freedom. Some of these groups were the Separatists (Pilgrims), Puritans, Quakers, and Catholics. Some colonies were set up to separate from Massachusetts to have their own religious rules.

While the Thirteen Colonies were controlled by the British, the British colonists were far from being the only people in the area. First, there were the Native Americans. Many different tribes made their homes along the Atlantic coast. Also, the Spanish and French had explored the area extensively and settled in certain areas. The French settled in parts of the north, and the Spanish settled parts of the south. Most notable were the Dutch, who had a settlement called New Amsterdam on the island of Manhattan. Eventually, the Dutch surrendered this land to the British.

While the thirteen colonies had separate governments, they came together at the First Continental Congress in 1774. They united to fight against the oppressive British government and declare independence.

## WORDS TO KNOW

Colony - an area under control of another country

Surrendered - gave up

Oppressive - cruel

## SYMBOLS

Underline the "Words to Know" found in the passage. (see bottom)

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## COLOR

**YELLOW** 

3 geographic areas of the colonies

**GREEN** 

Two reasons the colonies were settled

**BLUE** 

Where was New Amsterdam?

# NEW ENGLAND COLONIES

## CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

Who was granted land in New Hampshire?

Mason

Williams

Hooker

How many settlements along the Connecticut River did Hooker establish?

1

2

3

Which colony was not part of the New England colonies?

Connecticut

New England

Virginia

## TRUE OR FALSE

In 1796, Thomas Hooker left Massachusetts Bay Colony because he was unhappy with life there.

TRUE

FALSE

Eventually, by 1744, New Hampshire broke free from Massachusetts and declared a governor.

TRUE

FALSE

The first group to come to Massachusetts was the Separatists, who later became known as the \_\_\_\_\_.

New Hampshire was first settled by \_\_\_\_\_ when Captain John Mason was granted \_\_\_\_\_.

## WORD SEARCH

I K S M V D E X F X Q B Y D E O  
 Y X W U L L C U S U Y R K V Y P P F  
 F M P T K C G X S G I X S X F P F F  
 G O V E R N O R V T C T V R N H L H  
 P I L G R I M S I W P T B P E F N Q Z  
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PILGRIMS  
 SEPARATIST  
 HOOKER  
 MASON  
 RELIGION  
 COLONISTS  
 BRITISH  
 GOVERNOR  
 PLIMOTH

# MIDDLE COLONIES

The Middle Colonies, as the name suggests, were in the middle. They were south of the New England Colonies and north of the Southern Colonies. **The Middle Colonies were New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.**

**The New York Colony was originally settled by the Dutch.** They were led by Peter Minuit in 1624. They came to earn money for the Dutch West India Company. They purchased the island of Manhattan from the Native Americans and named the settlement New Amsterdam. They spread up the Hudson River north to Albany and south to New York City.

However, the colony had many problems from the beginning. They had conflict with native tribes, English settlers, and even with each other. In 1664, the Dutch surrendered the colony to England, and New York became one of the Thirteen Colonies.

In 1664, Sir George Carteret and John Berkeley established the New Jersey Colony.

Before that, the Dutch and English had created several settlements in the area. From 1664 to 1672, the New Jersey Colony was divided into East Jersey and West Jersey. Each side had its own constitution, but there was debate about where the boundary was. Eventually, the two colonies were united and New York took them over. However, in 1776, New Jersey finally became an independent colony.

Pennsylvania was settled by William Penn in 1681. William Penn was part of a persecuted religious group called the Quakers. He was given land, but with many more restrictions than others who settled colonies had been given. However, **as a Quaker, Penn believed that all people were good, and he trusted the government to be fair and very tolerant.** Many people who were persecuted for their religious beliefs moved to Pennsylvania. The Quakers were also a very peaceful group, and built strong relationships with the Native Americans.

Penn also started the colony of Delaware. Delaware was governed as part of Pennsylvania from 1682 to 1776. It was not a religious colony, but many people who lived there were Quakers. While Delaware was considered a separate colony, New Jersey and Delaware were ruled by the same governor until 1776, when the 13 Colonies gained independence.

## WORDS TO KNOW

Plagued - cause continual trouble

Tolerance - endure or sympathy for beliefs or practices

Persecuted - treated harshly

## SYMBOLS

Underline the "Words to Know" found in the passage. (see bottom)

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## COLOR

**YELLOW** 

What did Quakers believe?

**GREEN** 

Who originally settled New York?

**BLUE** 

What are the names of the Middle Colonies?

# SOUTHERN COLONIES

## CHECK THE CORRECT ANSWER

Which colony was not a Southern colony?

- Virginia       Georgia       Pennsylvania

When did the Carolina colony divide into two areas?

- 1712       1733       1724

Who started the colony of Maryland?

- Calvert       Oglethorpe

## TRUE OR FALSE

King Charles II gave a patent of rights to seventeen noblemen.

TRUE      FALSE

The colonists who settled Virginia were businessmen, and they had little experience farming.

TRUE      FALSE

Jamestown was settled by John Smith in order to make money for England through the Virginia Company, which exported \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1632, the English king gave Calvert land to start the colony of \_\_\_\_\_.

## WORD SEARCH

I N Z Y Q G L Q V A X W Q V T Q K  
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 J L A J A M E S T O W N D T H G C H  
 S M I T H N R X J A B G F U R I T A S  
 A Y I J T A O F A T K A E K U A R A  
 J J K G C O L O N I E S B O C N A R  
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 O T O B A C C O O V V K A R  
 R L N E L Y T U U W M X S A G I E A J S

SOUTHERN  
 COLONIES  
 GEORGIA  
 PURITANS  
 MARYLAND  
 ENGLISH  
 TOBACCO  
 JAMESTOWN  
 SMITH