

The Colonies

VUS.3 Investigation

1. What were the two major reasons that English settlers moved to the New World?
2. Why did the Virginia Company of London establish Jamestown?
3. Explain why plantation-based agriculture was possible in the Southern colonies, but NOT the New England colonies.
4. Explain what "cash crops" are.
5. Why did the cavaliers dominate colonial society in Virginia?
6. What advantages are there to owning slaves as opposed to indentured servants?
7. Why did many poorer immigrants and former indentured servants move to western Virginia?
8. What did the Pilgrims and Puritans have in common?
9. Explain how the Mayflower Compact created a "covenant community."
10. How are the House of Burgesses and the New England town meetings examples of self-government?
11. What might happen to a person who disagreed with Puritan religious beliefs?
12. What industries were prosperous in the New England colonies?
13. How were the Middle Colonies different from the other colonial regions?
14. What was the destination for slaves shipped on the Middle Passage?
15. What "revolutionary" changes did the Great Awakening produce?