USA HISTORY

Activities Package:

The Original Colonies

Learning Goals:

- To understand the era of exploration.
- To empathize with the hardships faced by the colonist.
- To understand how each of the colonies developed differently.

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As the age of exploration began so did the origins of the American nation. From Jamestown, to the Mayflower Compact to the growth of New York prosperous colonies would begin to form despite severe hardships. This activities package discusses the events and individuals that contributed to the growth of the nation.

Activity 1: Exploration

Watch the map animations listed below and complete each of the tasks.

Login Information

Website: the-map-as-history.com

Username:
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Instructions

- Using the login information to the left click on the section, "Age of Discovery Part 1."
- Watch the following animated maps and answer the questions below:
  - ⇒ North Atlantic Sailings Prior to Christopher Columbus
  - ⇒ The First Explorations in the New World

Map Animation: North Atlantic Sailings Prior to Christopher Columbus

1. After viewing the map animation fill in the blanks below with the correct words.

Prior to Christopher Columbus' voyage to the new world another European people group known as the _____ explored the North Atlantic. During the 9th and 10th centuries they made settlements at the present day locations of Baffin Island, _____and Newfoundland. In the _____ century European fishermen from _____ and Britain sailed to the area of the North Atlantic in pursuit of _____. However, no one realized this was a new _____.

Map Animation: The First Explorers in the New World

1. View the map animation and the then fill in the appropriate information below.

Region Discovered	Explorer	Year
Landed at Newfoundland		
Sailed the coast of South America and determined it was a new continent.		
Sailed around the tip of South America and later circumnavigated the globe.		
Sailed along the East Coast of present day USA.		

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Activity 2: Jamestown

Follow along with the lecture, "Jamestown," and take the appropriate summary notes.

1) The Exploration of the New World

2) The First Attempts

God
Glory
Gold

3) Jamestown

4) The Settlement

5) Leadership Problems

6) Challenges Faced by Jamestown

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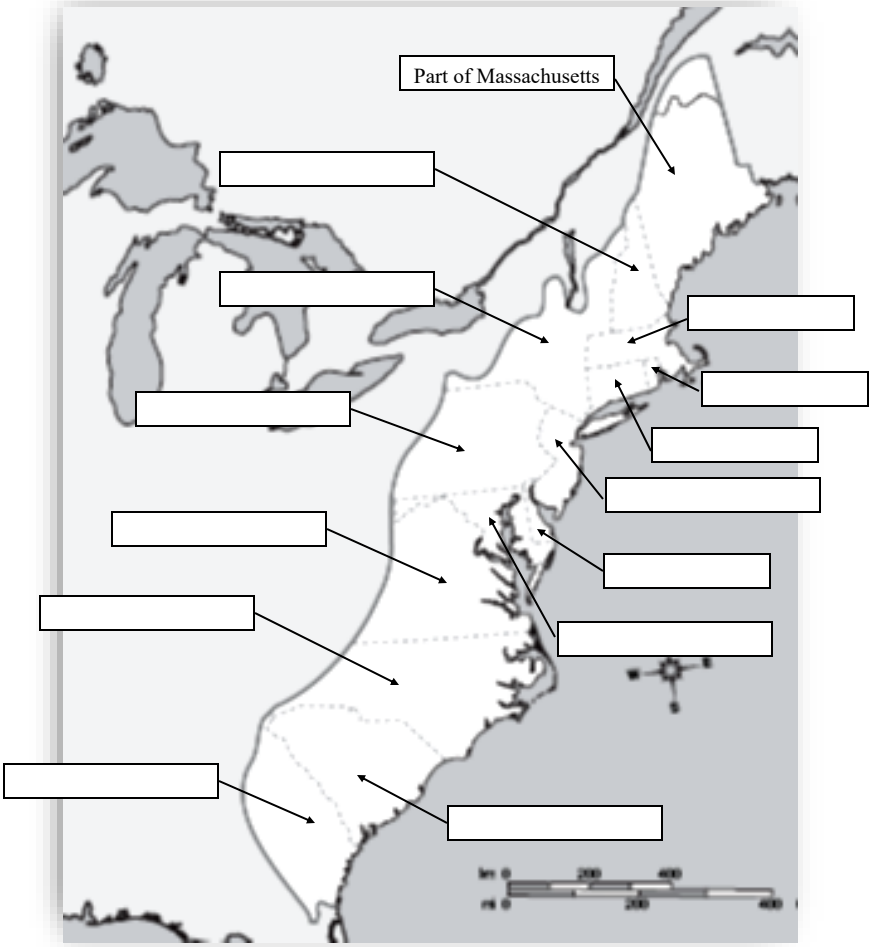
7) The Natives and the Settlers

8) The Savior of Jamestown

Activity 3: Mapping

Complete each of the tasks below regarding the original 13 colonies.



Mapping the Colonies:

Using your text, or the internet, complete the following tasks:

- → Label each of the colonies
- → Use three colors to differentiate between the Northern (New England), Middle and Southern colonies

☐ Northern Colonies (New England)

☐ Middle Colonies

☐ Southern Colonies

⇒ Label the following towns/places:

- → Jamestown
- → Roanoke Island
- → Plymouth
- → Charles Town

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Activity 4: Southern

Using your text, or the internet, complete each of the tasks below regarding the Southern Colonies.

Online Information

Website: ushistory.org/us/5.asp

Instructions

- Access the online textbook and read chapter 5 to chapter 5d.
- Complete each task below.

Virginia	
Main Leader(s):	Draw a basic symbol which best represents this colony:
Economic Base:	
Demographics:	
Interesting Fact:	

Maryland	
Main Leader(s):	Draw a basic symbol which best represents this colony:
Economic Base:	
Demographics:	
Interesting Fact:	

The Carolinas	
Main Leader(s):	Draw a basic symbol which best represents this colony:
Economic Base:	
Demographics:	
Interesting Fact:	

Georgia	
Main Leader(s):	Draw a basic symbol which best represents this colony:
Economic Base:	
Demographics:	
Interesting Fact:	

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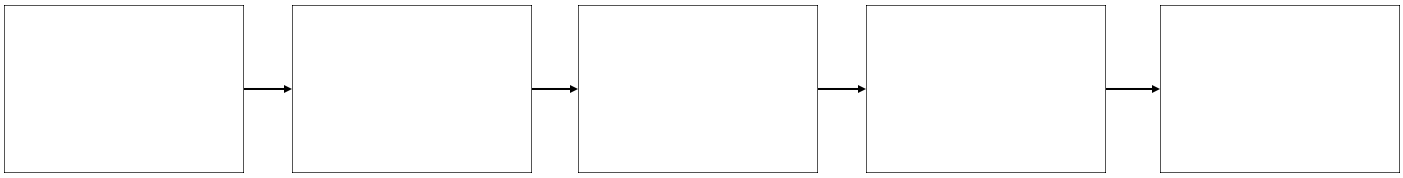
Activity 5: Northern

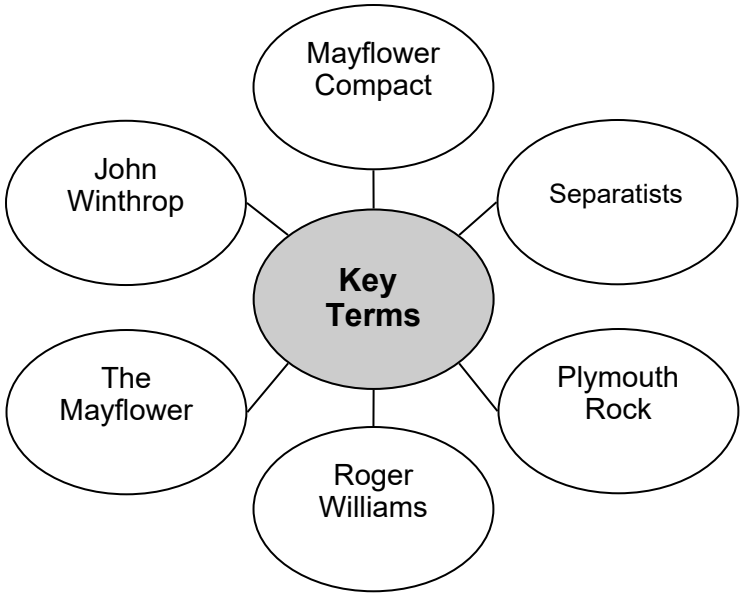
Using the online textbook, read chapters 3 to 3e and complete the tasks listed below.

1. Who were the Pilgrims and why did they choose to leave England?

2. On the flow chart below describe the sequence of events that tells the story of the Pilgrims arrival in Massachusetts.



3. Define the key terms listed below:



4. How would you describe life in New England under the Puritans?

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Activity 6: Middle

Using the online textbook, read chapters 4 to 4b and complete the tasks listed below.

1. Tell the story of how New York was established.

2. Describe some of the key characteristics of each of the colonies below.

New York	New Jersey	Pennsylvania

3. Who was William Penn and the Quakers? Describe the origins of their settlement.

Activity 7: Differences?

Review activities 3, 4 and 5 and identify five areas where the colonies differed.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

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