

## Session 1: European Colonization of North America

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### Materials

- Map of colonial America
- Textbook and other resources
- Attachments A and B: Colonies in North America

### Instructional Activities

1. Explain that England began to establish colonies in North America in the late 1500s for religious and economic reasons. Locate the colonies on a map of colonial America.
2. Divide the class into six groups, and have each group research one of the colonies listed below, using the textbook and/or other resources. Have them compare the motivations of the colonists in establishing each colony and the key people related to the establishment of the colony. Ensure that students also include the reasons the colony was established.
  - Roanoke Island (Lost Colony) was established as an economic venture.
  - Jamestown Settlement, the first permanent English settlement in North America (1607), was established as an economic venture by the Virginia Company.
  - Plymouth Colony was settled by separatists from the Church of England who wanted to avoid religious persecution.
  - Massachusetts Bay Colony was settled by the Puritans to avoid religious persecution.
  - Pennsylvania was settled by the Quakers, who wanted freedom to practice their faith without interference.
  - Georgia was settled by people who had been in debtors' prisons in England. They hoped to experience economic freedom and a new life in the New World.
3. Have the groups share their research with the class.
4. Direct students to complete Attachment A.

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Answer  
questions

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Complete  
charts and  
tables