

## COLONIAL SETTLEMENT

### What do you know about Colonial Settlements?

Europe was a leader in the settlement of colonies in America. Although their attempts were not always successful, by the turn of the 17<sup>th</sup> century they had a pretty firm start in the New World.

**Jamestown**, the first successful settlement, was founded in **1607** by a stock company searching for gold.

Another colony, **Plymouth**, is the famous site of the **first Thanksgiving**. The Plymouth Colony was also responsible for the **Mayflower Compact**, one of the first governing documents of the colonies.

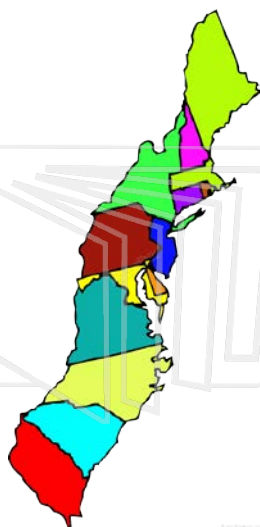


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The reasons for settlement were mainly for financial gain, but not everyone that settled in America was seeking riches. Many people, such as the Pilgrims, were looking for **religious freedom** in the hope of starting a new life. While seemingly harmless, their move to the New World had a devastating impact on the people that were already living in North America- the Native Americans. While some settlements got along and benefitted from the Native Americans, it was not always this way. Disease killed a great number of people during the establishment of the early colonies.



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