

Early Colonies

First Colonies

- Roanoke
 - Founded by Sir Walter Raleigh
 - Founded in 1585
 - Founded to make money
 - Jamestown
 - Led by John Rolfe
 - Founded in 1607
 - Founded to make money
 - Plymouth
 - Founded by William Bradford
 - Founded in 1620
 - Founded for Religious Freedom
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Jamestown

- Founded in 1607.
 - On a peninsula in the James River.
 - Near Chesapeake Bay.
 - 144 Settlers.
 - All men.
 - 40 died during the trip.
 - Were to look for Gold and establish fur trade.
 - 1607
 - Settlers spent too much time looking for gold and silver. Did not grow food.
 - Ships returned in spring 1608 and found 38 survivors.
 - Winter 1609
 - The starving time
 - Of nearly 500 colonists, 60 were alive in Spring.
 - No one made the colonists work to grow food during previous seasons
 - Rolfe discovered tobacco
 - This crop saved the colony
 - 1619
 - 90 women sent.
 - If a man wanted to marry one he had to pay 120 lbs. of tobacco.
 - 20 African American slaves sold.
 - Slavery was the first recognized law in 1660's.
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Reasons

- Colonies were created for two main reasons
 - Commercial Reasons
 - North Carolina
 - New York
 - Virginia
 - Religious Reasons
 - Maryland
 - Founded for Catholics
 - Massachusetts
 - Puritans
 - Pennsylvania
 - Founded for Quakers
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Religious Freedom

- Many people came to the new world in search of freedoms
 - Religious freedom became one of the most important
 - Many people felt as if they were not fulfilling their religious needs in England.
 - Many moved from seclusion in England to a new world of religious freedom in North America
 - Pennsylvania became very important
 - Was one of the most tolerant colonies
 - Allowed the Quakers to practice there when no one else would
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Others

- Spanish
 - Florida
 - Were there to find gold
 - Convert natives to Catholicism
 - French
 - Were mainly in Canada and the lower Mississippi Valley
 - Wanted to make money through the capture and trade of furs
 - African Americans
 - Mainly here only as slaves
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Other Reasons

- Georgia was not founded for any sort of freedom
 - Quite the opposite in fact
 - It was meant to be a buffer between Spanish Florida and the other 12 colonies
 - It was populated by:
 - Debtors
 - Orphans
 - Criminals
 - Political dissidents
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Reasons People Came

- People came for four major reasons
 - Adventure
 - Some wanted to explore the new world
 - Political Freedom
 - People in some areas were tired of the monarchy or simply thought they could do a better job
 - Free or Cheap Land
 - They wanted land of their own or wanted land to sell
 - Religious Freedom
 - Wanted the ability to practice their religion as they saw fit
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