

Colonial America Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

- 18 Colonial America fact cards (pages 2–6)
- Colonial America questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Colonial America questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide the 18 Colonial America fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on the back of your classroom door, on chairs, on the computer keyboard, on the sides of student desks, or wherever you like.

Activity

Students receive copies of the question worksheet. They have to search the classroom to find the fact cards to answer the questions.

After they have completed the question sheet, you can go over the answers together with the class.

Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

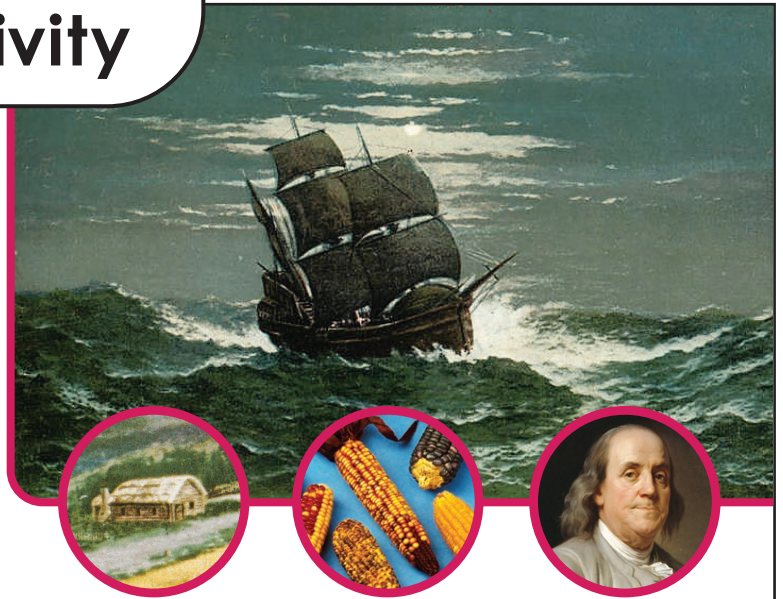
You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.





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Colonial America

Fact Card

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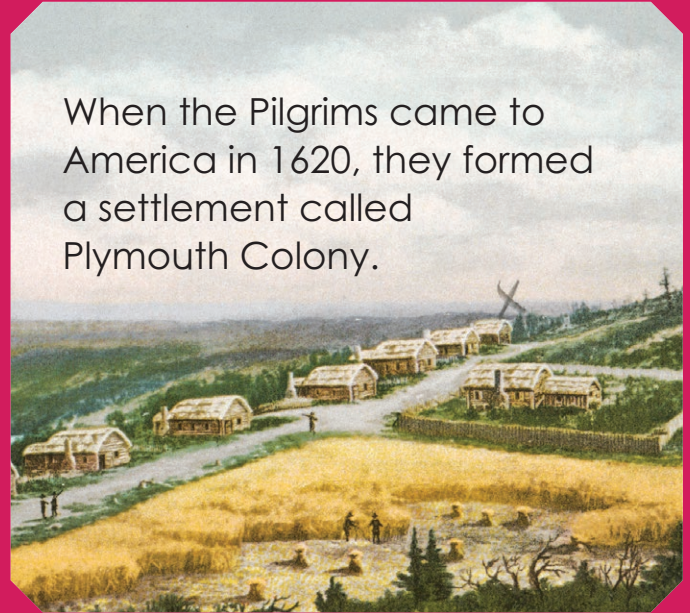
In 1620, Pilgrims came to America aboard a ship called the *Mayflower*. They came for religious freedom.

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Fact Card

2



When the Pilgrims came to America in 1620, they formed a settlement called Plymouth Colony.

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Fact Card

3

Georgia was named after King George II of England.



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Fact Card

4



In colonial times, many children attended school in small, one-room schoolhouses.

Children in 1st through 8th grades would all be in the same classroom learning together.



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Fact Card

5



The colony of Rhode Island's full name was Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

This was actually the state's official name until 2020 when voters decided to drop "and Providence Plantations."

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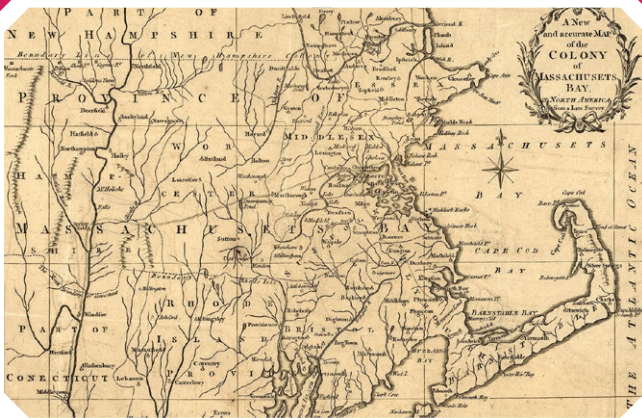
New York used to be a Dutch colony called New Amsterdam. It was later named New York, after King Charles II's brother, the Duke of York.

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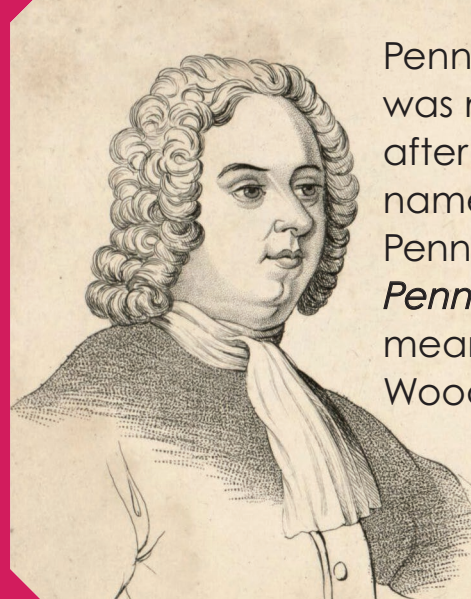
Today's U.S. state of Maine was once part of Massachusetts Bay Colony.

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Pennsylvania was named after a man named William Penn. The word *Pennsylvania* means "Penn's Woods."

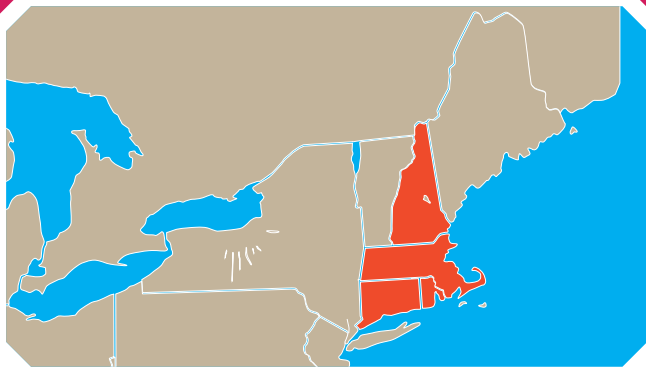


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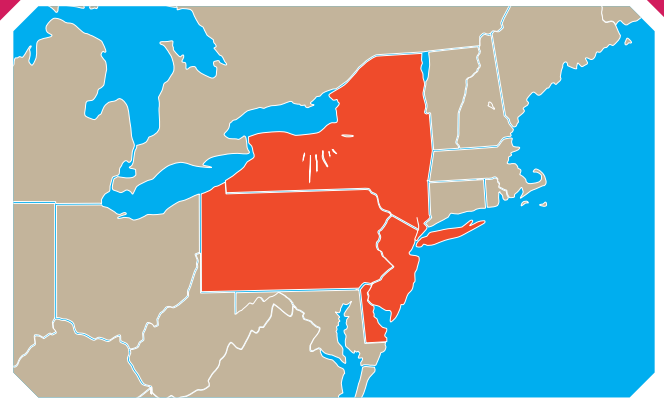
The northern colonies (Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire) were known as *New England*.

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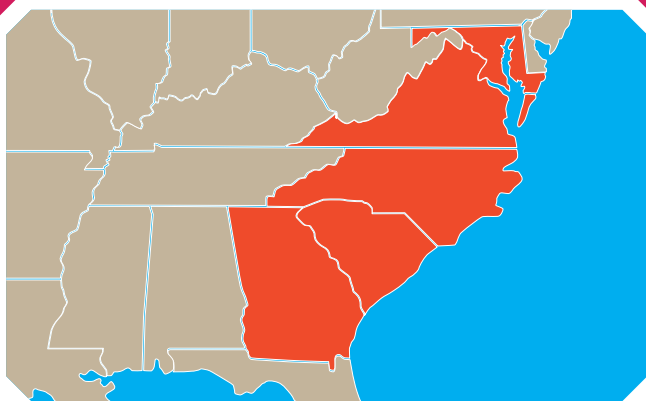
New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware were known as the *Middle Colonies*.

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Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia were known as the *Southern Colonies*.

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The Southern Colonies had many large farms, called plantations, which grew tobacco, cotton, and rice.



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Many African people were kidnapped and brought to the colonies. They were

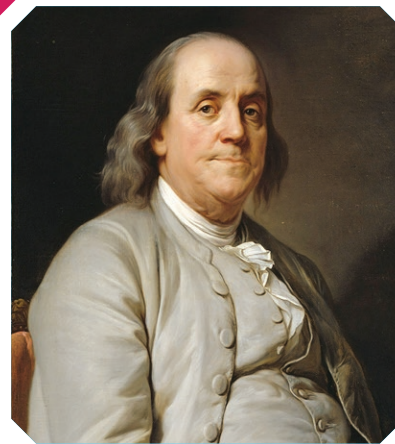
forced to work as slaves on small farms and large plantations.

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Benjamin Franklin lived in America during colonial times. He had many

jobs, including author, publisher, politician, scientist, and inventor.

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Fact Card

15



People in Colonial America had many different jobs.

A cobbler made and repaired shoes. A tanner made saddles and leather clothing from animal skins. A cooper made large barrels from wood.

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16



A blacksmith was a person who made and repaired things made from iron. He made horseshoes, and farming tools. A wheelwright made wagons and wheels.



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Fact Card

17



Native Americans taught the early colonists how to grow corn. The corn was used to make cornbread, corn pancakes, and corn pudding.

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Fact Card

18



Colonial America ended in the year 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed. When this document was signed, the United States of America was formed.

Name: _____

Side A

Colonial America Scavenger Hunt

Fact Card 1: What was the name of the ship that the Pilgrims traveled on when they came to America in 1620?

Fact Card 2: What was the name of the colony formed by Pilgrims in 1620?

Fact Card 3: Georgia was named after which British king?

Fact Card 4: What grades were taught in a one-room schoolhouse during colonial times?

Fact Card 5: What was the full name of Rhode Island?

Fact Card 6: New York used to be a Dutch colony called...

Fact Card 7: Today's U.S. state of Maine was once part of...

Fact Card 8: What does the word *Pennsylvania* mean?

Fact Card 9: Name the four New England Colonies.

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Fact Card 10: Name the four Middle Colonies.

Fact Card 11: Name the five Southern Colonies.

Fact Card 12: Name three crops that were grown on southern plantations.

Fact Card 13: Slaves in Colonial America were people who were kidnapped from...

Fact Card 14: What famous colonial American was an author, publisher, politician, scientist, and inventor?

Fact Card 15: What was a cooper's job?

Fact Card 16: Someone who made wagons and wheels was a...

Fact Card 17: Name three things colonial Americans made from corn.

Fact Card 18: What famous document was signed in 1776, marking the end of Colonial America?

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Plymouth Colony

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King George II

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1st through 8th

Fact Card 5: What was the full name of Rhode Island?

Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Fact Card 6: New York used to be a Dutch colony called...

New Amsterdam

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Massachusetts Bay

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Penn's Woods (named for William Penn)

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Benjamin Franklin

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