

Colonial America Scavenger Hunt Activity



Materials: Colonial America questions worksheet (pages 2-3)
18 Colonial America fact cards (pages 4-8)
Tape and scissors

Preparation: Print the fact cards on card stock or brightly-colored paper and cut them apart along the dotted lines.

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



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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 students work alone or with a classmate.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Students usually find the game more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- the back of the classroom door
- laying flat on the bookshelf
- on the side of your computer monitor
- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark

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.

Name: _____



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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?



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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.



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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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Fact Card #1

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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Georgia was named after King George II of England.

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 (now state) of Rhode Island actually has a longer name. The full name is *Rhode Island and Providence Plantations*.

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Fact Card #6

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.

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

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Fact Card #9

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

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Fact Card #10

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.

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

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Fact Card #13

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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Fact Card #14

Benjamin Franklin lived in America during colonial times. He had many jobs, including author, publisher, politician, scientist, and inventor.



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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.

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.



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ANSWER KEY

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Fact Card #1:

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

Mayflower

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Penn's Woods (named for William Penn)

Fact Card #9:

Name the four New England Colonies.

Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire

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Fact Card #10: Name the four Middle Colonies.

New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware

Fact Card #11: Name the five Southern Colonies.

Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia



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

the Declaration of Independence