

## COLONIAL LIFE

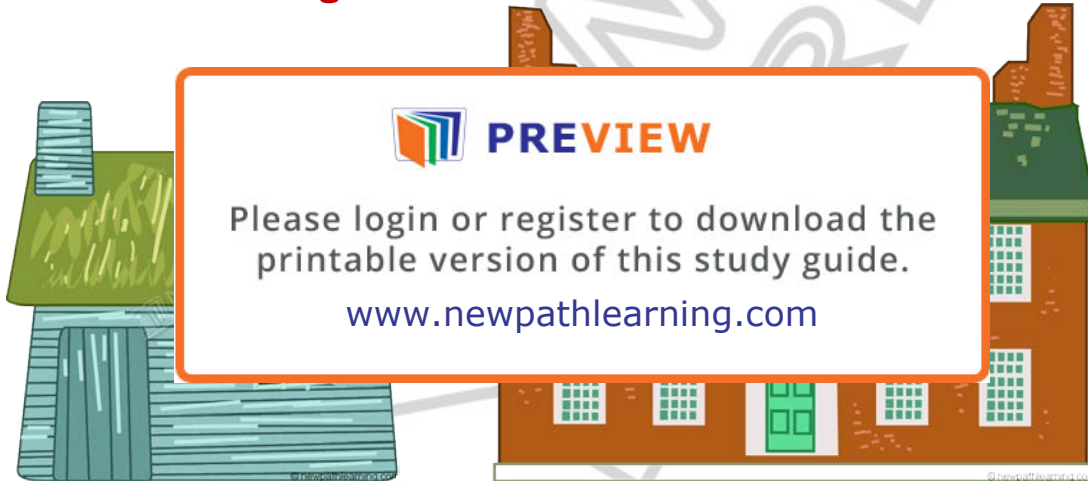
People came to this New World for many reasons: religious freedom, political freedom, adventure, hope of land and money. They came to a land that was hard to live in. They had to clear the land, build houses, plant crops, protect themselves from illness, make meals, fix things that broke, learn a whole new way of life. The map above shows the 13 original colonies.

### Key Dates:

1607: Jamestown, the first permanent settlement was built in 1607.

1620: Pilgrims landed at Plymouth

### A Colonial Village:




- **Apothecary:** *a place to get medicine*
- **Gristmill:** *a place to grind grain into flour*
- **Meetinghouse:** *a place for meetings and church services. It was usually at the center of town.*
- **Grammar School:** *if a town had 100 or more families, it could have a grammar school. Children learned from the **Hornbook**. It was a piece of paper put on a thin piece of wood.*
- **Blacksmith:** *a person who worked with iron*

## A Colonial Family:



- **Women:** Women often had only one outfit for the week and one to wear on Sunday. They got together to work on quilts. This was called a quilting bee. Women often had many children.
- **Men:** Men wore short pants and shirts with very large cuffs. Men wore wigs.
- **Girls:** Girls wore long dresses and aprons. They went to school or to church.
- **Boys:** Boys wore short pants and shirts with very large cuffs. They went to school. Both boys and girls liked to play games like **scotch-hoppers**.



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## Life in the Southern Colonies:

The South had huge **plantations**. A plantation is a large piece of land that has buildings on it. The workers were mainly **slaves**. These slaves were brought over from Africa and made to work on the plantations. Tobacco and cotton were the two main crops in the South.



## Try This!

Draw lines to connect the activity with either boy or girl. Some things could go to both.

woodworking

hunting

sewing

grammar school

scotch-hopping

cooking

quilting

fishing

BOYS

GIRLS

Circle this

tobacco

small farm

cotton



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