

COLONIZATION

What are Colonists?

People who leave their countries and live in a colony are called **colonists**. A **colony** is a settlement governed by another country.

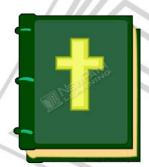
Why Colonize?

Europeans established colonies in the New World in the 1500's and 1600's for many different reasons:

• The **Spanish** were searching for wealth for their country and converts to their religion.



• The English were searching for religious freedom.





People from other nations were looking for:

- a fresh start in life
- better land for farming



Some of the earliest settlements in the New World were:

- St. Augustine, the oldest city in America.
- Jamestown whose settlers were looking for gold.
- Plymouth,
- New Neth



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