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Many colonists
ate wild turkeys
to survive!



The journey to
America lasted
over two months.

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Struggles at Jamestown

It was late 1609, and Jamestown **Colony** in Virginia was about to collapse. The water was making settlers sick. The harsh winter was starving them. They were eating their pets and even their shoe leather. And local Algonquian tribes were threatening to attack. The colonists were preparing to quit and go back to England when, in the spring of 1610, more English ships arrived with supplies and additional settlers. Jamestown was saved!



Jamestown was the first **British colony** to succeed in what became the United States.



YOU ARE A GENIUS,
MR. ROLFE!

I'M GLAD THE
TOBACCO PLANTS
ARE HELPING.

Settler John Rolfe introduced a new and profitable crop for the colonists to grow—tobacco.

In 1614, **John Rolfe** married **Pocahontas**, a member of the Powhatan Nation. This created some peace between Jamestown and its Native American neighbors.



Pocahontas was a nickname that may have meant "playful one." Her given name may have been Matoax.

Pocahontas died during a trip to England in 1617. Soon, the peace between Jamestown and the Powhatan Nation fell apart.

Jamestown was not the first attempted colony. In 1587, English colonists had settled on Roanoke Island off the North Carolina coast. Roanoke would become known as the Lost Colony, after its settlers were never heard from again.

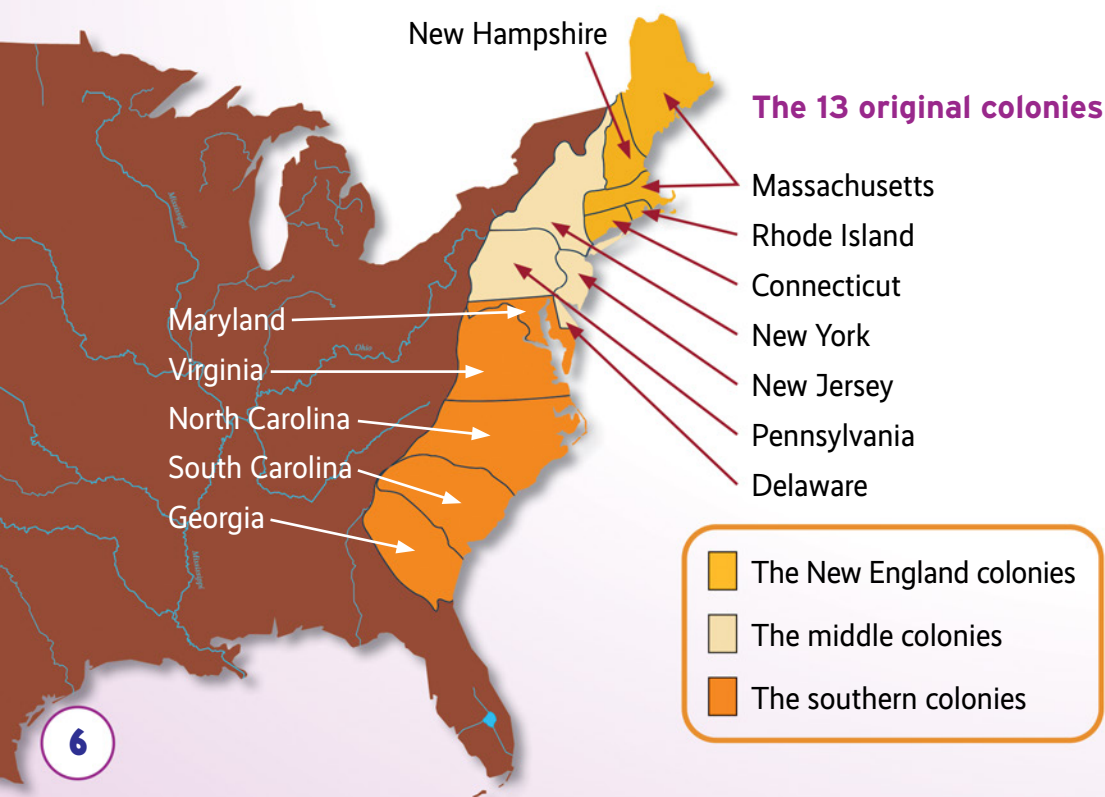


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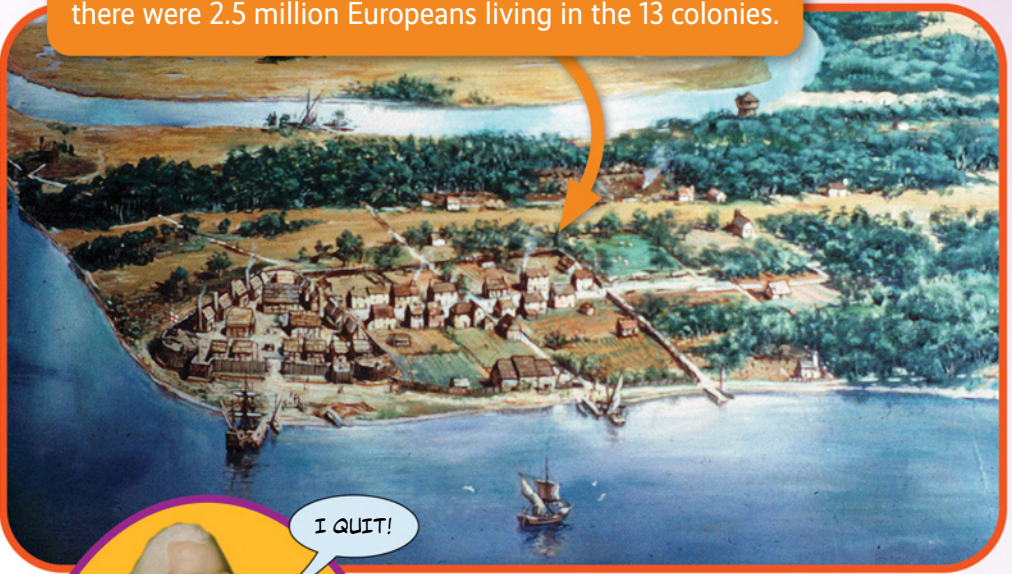
The first Europeans to settle in North America came for a number of reasons. Some were seeking wealth or treasure. Others were trying to claim more land for their home countries. And some were hoping to build a new life where they would be free to practice their religion. Over time, 13 colonies were established along the east coast of what would become the United States.

A colony is an area of land that has been settled by people from another country and is ruled by that country.

The 13 original colonies are divided into three groups: The New England colonies, the middle colonies, and the southern colonies.



Jamestown had only 100 settlers in 1607. By 1775, there were 2.5 million Europeans living in the 13 colonies.



Before the American Revolution, England's King George III ruled the colonies. He was so upset at losing the war that he almost gave up the throne!

The first Europeans to arrive in North America found a long-established network of Native American tribal nations and settlements.

LOOK AT ALL THE PEOPLE HERE! WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

THEY COULD ASK THE SAME QUESTION, YOU KNOW.

