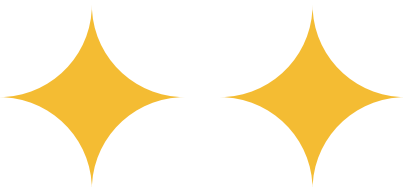
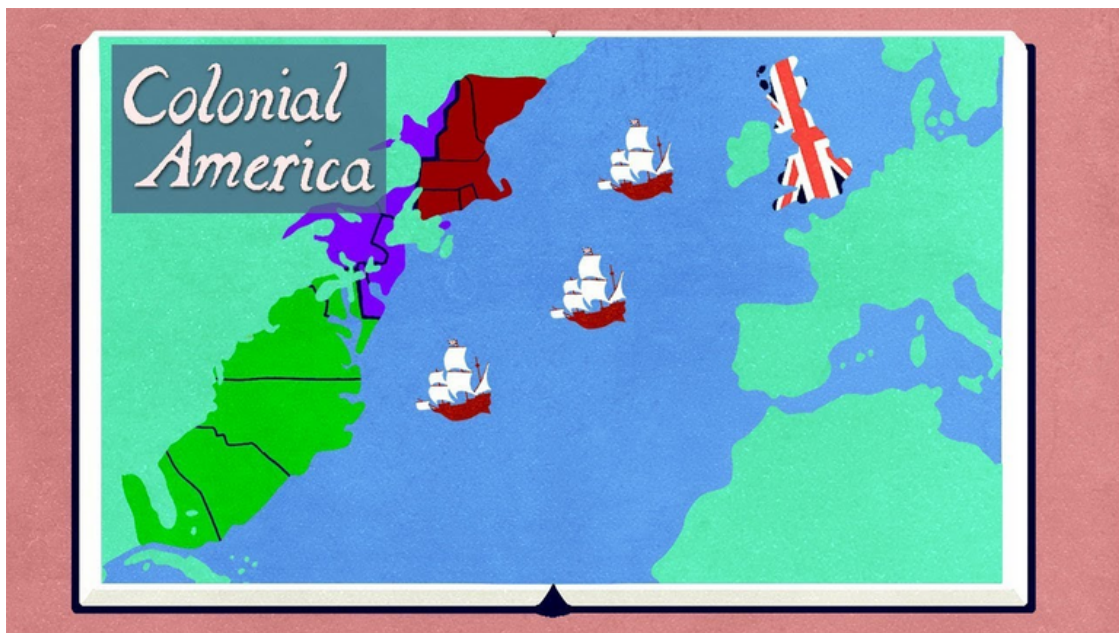




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Introduction

The United States was formed from thirteen British colonies in 1776.

Many of these colonies had been around for well over 100 years including the first colony of Virginia which was founded in 1607.

What is a colony?

A colony is a region of land that is under the political control of another country.

Thirteen colonies....



Colonial Regions...

The colonies were often divided up into three regions including the New England Colonies, the Middle Colonies, and the Southern Colonies.

New England Colonies

Connecticut

Massachusetts Bay

New Hampshire

Rhode Island

Middle Colonies

Delaware

New Jersey

New York

Pennsylvania

Southern Colonies

Georgia

Maryland

North Carolina

South Carolina

Virginia

Interesting Facts....



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Life was difficult for the early colonists. Many of the colonies were named after the rulers of England including the Carolinas (for King Charles I), Virginia (for the Virgin Queen Elizabeth), and Georgia (for King George II).

Massachusetts was named after a local tribe of Native Americans.

New York City was originally called New Amsterdam and was part of the Dutch colony of New Netherland.



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