Assessment: The English Colonies in North America

Mastering the Content

Circle the letter next to the best answer.

1. The actions and beliefs of the Quakers of Pennsylvania predicted which of these events?
   A. the failure of Roanoke
   B. the Mayflower journey
   C. the American Revolution
   D. the French and Indian War

2. Which of these colonies offered the most freedom for the people who lived there?
   A. Georgia
   B. Virginia
   C. Pennsylvania
   D. Massachusetts

3. How did Roger Williams’s colony of Providence differ from the Puritan colony of Massachusetts?
   A. Enslaved people were made free.
   B. Only religious men were allowed to vote.
   C. American Indians were considered enemies.
   D. People of different religious beliefs were welcomed.

4. Which of these documents is most similar to the Mayflower Compact?
   A. the Bible
   B. the Constitution
   C. the Gettysburg Address
   D. the Emancipation Proclamation

5. James Oglethorpe intended that the Georgia colony be settled by
   A. English debtors.
   B. indentured servants.
   C. religious Separatists.
   D. wealthy businesspeople.
6. Which of these features made the Southern colonies unique?
   A. self-government
   B. religious freedom
   C. general assemblies
   D. tobacco plantations

7. Why did Virginia replace indentured servants with African slaves?
   A. It was required by law.
   B. Africa was closer than Europe.
   C. Africans were more willing to work.
   D. It provided a permanent source of labor.

8. Which of these describes an indentured servant?
   A. Jonathon paid his debt to a farmer by working for him without pay.
   B. Samuel paid rent on his farm with a portion of his crops.
   C. Cecilia made and sold candles to wealthy landowners.
   D. Sarah was sold to a landowner and worked as a cook.

9. What did the New England colonies have in common?
   A. They were self-governing.
   B. They were settled by Puritans.
   C. They provided financial security.
   D. They provided religious freedom.

10. Which of these made the laws in most of the colonies?
    A. the church leaders
    B. the king of England
    C. the English governor
    D. the elected assembly
11. Why did people in the New England, Middle, and Southern colonies adapt different ways of life?
   A. People with specific skills settled in each area.
   B. The regions had different geographies and resources.
   C. The people all had different reasons for settling in North America.
   D. The leaders of the colonies decided how the people would earn a living.

12. Which generalization best sums up the founding of the English colonies?
   A. The English colonies were founded by Puritans, Quakers, and Catholics who wanted religious freedom.
   B. The English colonies were founded to provide a new start to poor people throughout Europe.
   C. The English colonies were founded by businesspeople who planned to make money by selling land to settlers.
   D. The English colonies were founded by people with various goals, from making money to following their faith.

13. Which of these best describes the environment of the New England colonies?
   A. long, hot summers and mild winters
   B. harsh winters and rocky, hilly land
   C. broad coastal plains and fertile soil
   D. broad rivers, swamps, and wetlands

14. How did the government of New York differ from the other colonies?
   A. It was self-governed.
   B. It was ruled by religious leaders.
   C. It was led by a powerful general assembly.
   D. It was ruled by a British-appointed governor.

15. Which of these colonies was most motivated by making a profit?
   A. Virginia
   B. Connecticut
   C. Pennsylvania
   D. Massachusetts

16. Which of these describes the Separatists?
   A. They were English soldiers.
   B. They shared religious beliefs.
   C. They were wealthy English investors.
   D. They shared a common occupation.
Applying Social Studies Skills
Use the map and your knowledge of history to answer the questions.

![Colonial America, 1770 map](image)

17. Which of the three colonial regions was most dependent upon the ocean for its economy?

18. One colony was founded with the hope that it would prevent the Spanish from attacking the other colonies. Which region was this colony in?

19. Describe one effect that the Appalachian Mountains may have had on the 13 colonies.
20. Take on the role of a newspaper editor in colonial times. You will write three “want ads” describing the qualifications for settlers in those particular colonies. The first want ad is started for you. Fill in the blanks, and then create two more ads of your own for two different colonies. Your want ads should include
  • the name of the colony.
  • a description of the type of person welcome in the colony.
  • qualifications of a prospective colonist.
  • benefits that the colony offers.
Also make sure to convey your ideas clearly, using standard English.

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