

The English Colonies Test Overview - Key

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John Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader of the Jamestown colony • Forced settlers to work harder and to build better housing • Created a friendship with the Powhatan Confederacy
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John Rolfe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced tobacco, which helped Jamestown make a profit. • Married Pocahontas
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Pocahontas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Married John Rolfe • Marriage helped keep peace between colonists and Powhatan • Died in England
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Indentured Servants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed a contract to work for 4-7 years for those that paid their journey to America.
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Toleration Act of 1649	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passed in Maryland • Made it a crime to restrict the religious rights of Christians • First law supporting religious tolerance passed in the English colonies
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Slave codes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laws to control slaves

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Jamestown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near the James River in Virginia First permanent settlement in North America
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Bacon's Rebellion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Led by Nathaniel Bacon and former indentured servants Protested trade with American Indians Believed settlers should be able to take Indian lands Attacked and burned Jamestown
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Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plantations Headright system: Colonists pay to come over to VA, get 50 acres of land. Bring friends? Get 50 more acres. Used slavery to support their agricultural economy
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Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established for Catholics Passed Toleration Act of 1649 to support religious toleration
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Carolinas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Carolina: farmers who moved from Virginia South Carolina: European colonists
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Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used to shield colonies from Spanish Florida Allowed debtors from England to get a new start Wanted to ban plantations, but could not.

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Southern Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Farms and plantations • Tobacco, rice, indigo = cash crops • Led to the growth of slavery in the South
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Puritans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protestant group that wanted to purify, or reform, the Church of England (Anglican Church)
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Pilgrims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separatist group that left England to escape religious persecution in the 1600s.
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Samoset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American who helped the settlers by providing information about the peoples and area. • Introduced settlers to Squanto
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Squanto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught pilgrims how to fertilize soil with first remains • Helped them establish relations with Indians
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John Winthrop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader of a group of Puritans during the Great Migration • First governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony

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Anne Hutchinson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woman who spoke out against the church • Believed that people do not need guidance from ministers • Forced to leave Massachusetts, but helps set up Rhode Island
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immigrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who have left the country of their birth to live in another country
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Mayflower Compact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document written by the Pilgrims • Establishes them as a political society • Sets guidelines for self-government • One of the first attempts at self-government in the colonies
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Plymouth Rock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present-day Massachusetts • New colony in 1620 • Half of its population died during the first winter
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Massachusetts Bay Colony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established by Puritans and merchants • Expanded to include Plymouth colony
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New England's Government & Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obey English laws • Self-government • Government and religion was closely linked due to Puritan ideas

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New England's Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linked with government due to Puritan ideas • Male church members were only ones who could vote • To become "elect," individuals had to pass a test to prove their faith was strong
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Salem Witch Trials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Witchcraft trials • Girls accuse people of casting spells on them • Required special courts - judges forced confessions • 19 deaths
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New England's Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little demand for slave labor • Farming • Merchants • Fishing and shipbuilding • Craftsmen
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Harvard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created by John Harvard • Taught ministers and met the needs of higher education
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Peter Stuyvesant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director General of Dutch New Amsterdam • Loses the colony to the British
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William Penn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quaker • Sets up the colony of Pennsylvania

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Quaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Society of Friends - one of the largest religious groups in New Jersey • Believed in the equality of men and women • Supported non-violence
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Staple Crops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crop that is continuously in demand • Examples: Wheat, barely, oats
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Middle Colonies Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combination of Southern (agricultural) and New England (trade) • Farming - some slavery • Shipbuilding • Merchants
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Pennsylvania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established an elected assembly • Promised religious freedom • Representative self-government (reflected its citizens will) • Capital: Philadelphia
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New York City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switches from Dutch control to British control • Fur trade • Shipping
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