American Colonies



Penn's Treaty with the Indians by Benjamin West

Colony	Founded	Region	Founder	Religion	Government	Original Purpose	Economics	Note
Roanoke	1585	Southern	Sir Walter Raleigh			Establish English colony in New World	Tobacco	Colonists disappeared without a trace.
Virginia	1607	Southern	John Smith	Anglican	Royal	Trade and profits	Tobacco	Founded as joint-stock company. House of Burgesses (1619). Only 60 of 1st 900 survived.
Plymouth		New England		Puritan	Corporate	Religious freedom for Separatists	Mixed farming	1Mayflower Compact. 2
New York	1626	Middle	Peter Minuit	None	Proprietary, then royal	Trade and profits	Mixed farming, furs	Set up as Dutch colony, taken over by English in 1664
Massachusetts Bay	1630		John Winthrop	Puritan	Corporate		Mixed farming, fishing, shipbuilding	18,000 settlers by 1642

New Hampshire	1630	New England	John Mason	Puritan	Corporate, then royal	Escape for those constricted by religious and economic rules	Mixed farming	Puritan harshness led these settlers north and inland.
Maryland	1634	Middle	George Calvert	None - Anglican after 1692	Proprietary		Tobacco	Founded by George Calvert. Slow growing ~ only 600 by 1650. Maryland Toleration Act (1649)
Connecticut	1636	New England	Thomas Hooker	Puritan	Corporate	Religious and economic freedom	Mixed farming	Leaders of Massachusetts asked Hooker and followers to leave. Why??
Rhode Island	1636	New England		None	Corporate		Mixed farming	The most tolerant colony of the era
Delaware	1638	Middle	Peter Minuit	None	Proprietary	Trade and profits.		Established by Sweden; taken by Dutch, then English.
North Carolina		Southern	Group of proprietors	Anglican	Proprietary			Joint business venture
	1660	Middle	Lord Berkeley	None		Trade and profits	Mixed farming	Established by Sweden; taken by English in 1664
South Carolina	1670	Southern		Anglican	Proprietary	Trade and profits	Rice	Rice major crop.
Pennsylvania	1682	Middle	William Penn		Proprietary	Religious freedom for Quakers; trade and profits	Wheat, mixed farming	Originally Quaker, this colony became home to many European immigrants
	1733	Southern	James Oglethorpe	Anglican	Royal		Rice	Buffer for Spanish colonies Originally outlawed slavery and restricted size of land grants to 500 acres.

What is the difference between a royal colony, a proprietary colony and a corporate colony?							