

Study Questions

1. What conditions shaped the character of English settlements in America?
2. What serious difficulties did the Virginia colonists face from the moment they landed?
3. How did the motives of the Virginia colonists differ from those of the separatists who settled in Plymouth?
4. Explain the importance of tobacco in the development of the Virginia colony.
5. Explain how exchanges of agricultural technology between Europeans and Native Americans helped Jamestown survive.
6. What led to Virginia becoming a royal colony?
7. What were the origins of the colony of Maryland? How did Maryland's early development differ from that of Virginia?
8. What were the origins of the political turmoil in Virginia during the 1670s?
9. How was Bacon's Rebellion related to the political unrest in Virginia, and what effect did the rebellion have on the development of that colony?
10. Describe the background of the Pilgrims and their motives for coming to America.

11. How did the Pilgrims' experience with the Indians differ markedly from that of the settlers in Virginia?
12. How did the turbulent events in England generate interest in colonization among certain English Puritans? What did these Puritans hope to accomplish?
13. How did the charter of the Massachusetts Bay Company influence the colony's first government?
14. What did the Puritans believe to be their purpose in coming to America (their "mission"), and how did church and state cooperate to achieve this goal?
15. How did the colony of Connecticut originate? Rhode Island? What does this expansion ("exodus") reveal about the colony of Massachusetts Bay?
16. What was the controversy surrounding Anne Hutchinson, and what does it reveal about Puritan religious and social beliefs?
17. What factors made relations between Indians and colonists in New England such a disaster for Native Americans?
18. What obstacles did the colonists have to overcome if they were to be successful in America?
19. How were conflicts between natives and settlers affected by earlier exchanges in technology between the English and the tribes?
20. How did the Stuart Restoration affect those colonies already established in America? How did it affect attitudes about founding more settlements?

21. How did the political, economic, social, and religious institutions established in Carolina reflect the proprietors' motives for starting the colony?
22. What sort of social order took root in the colony of Carolina? Why did it differ from that proposed under Carolina's Fundamental Constitution?
23. How did the existing Dutch settlements and institutions influence the development of New York?
24. What beliefs and practices characterized the Quakers, and how did their influence make Pennsylvania a unique colony?
25. Why were the Caribbean colonies the "most important destinations" for English immigrants throughout the first half of the seventeenth century?
26. What circumstances led to English colonization in the Caribbean?
27. What conditions led English planters to begin importing labor to the Caribbean Islands?
28. Why did Caribbean planters fear slave revolts? What steps did they take to prevent uprisings?
29. Why was it difficult to establish a stable society and culture in the Caribbean colonies?
30. Which colonies made up the Spanish borderlands and what sort of people settled there?
31. What role did the Spanish borderlands play in Spanish relations with England?

32. How did the purposes for which Georgia was founded differ from those of previous colonies? How were they similar?

33. What were the middle grounds? Which groups competed for them and what role did competition for this land play in the settlement and development of colonial North America?

34. What attempts did England make to regulate its colonies between 1660 and 1700? What moved the mother country to consider regulation at this time, and how was it enforced?

35. What were the origins of the Dominion of New England, and what was the colonial reaction to it?

36. What impact did the Glorious Revolution have on England's North American colonies?