

**2nd Grade |** Unit 2



# **SETTLING THE NEW WORLD**HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 202

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# SETTLING THE NEW WORLD

Christopher Columbus' discovery of the New World made people curious. They wanted to learn more about this faraway land. Some people wanted to make their homes there. They needed a place to freely practice their religion. Others saw the chance to make money. This new land might offer special goods not found in Europe. Perhaps they could sell these items at a high price. European settlers sailed across the Atlantic Ocean and built settlements along the East Coast of North America. Each settlement was called a colony. The settlers who moved to North America were colonists

By the mid-1700s, 13 colonies had been settled in North America. King George III of Great Britain ruled these colonies. In time, the colonists wanted to be free to rule themselves. They fought the Revolutionary War against Great Britain and won their freedom. In this unit, you will learn about the Revolutionary War and the events leading up to it.

# **Objectives**

Read these objectives. They will tell what you will be able to do when you have finished this LIFEPAC®.

- Discuss why the settlers came to the New World. 1.
- 2. Explain where the settlers landed in the New World.
- Describe the three groups of American colonies. 3.
- Recall the problems the colonists had with Great Britain. 4.
- 5. Tell how the colonists won their independence in the Revolutionary War.
- Read about and understand some of the symbols that 6. Americans have that remind them of the bravery of the early colonists.

# **New Words**

These words will appear in **boldface** (darker print) the first time

charter (chär' tər). A paper signed by a king or other leader telling

colonist (kŏl' ə nĭst). Someone who lives in a newly settled place. colonize (kŏl ə nīz). To settle a new place.

colony (kŏl' ə nē). A place that has been newly settled by people

deserted (dĭ zûrt' ed). No longer being lived in; a deserted village is

determined (dǐ tûr' mind). Firmly decided to do something;

government (gŭv' ərn mənt). The rules and people that make the rules to help people live together in a town or country.

indentured (ĭn dĕn' chərd). Under the service of another person by an agreement; an indentured servant agreed to work for a colonist

independent (ĭn dĭ pĕn' dənt). Free from the rule of someone else. permanent (pûr' mə nənt). Lasting forever or staying at least for a

persecuted (pûr' sĭ kyüt ed). Treated cruelly because of your beliefs.

rebellion (rĭ bĕl' yən). A struggle or fight against the people in charge of something; the colonists started a rebellion against the

region (rē' jən). An area of a country.

revolution (rĕv ə lü' shən). A fight or war against a government or ruler; the colonists fought the Revolutionary War against Great Britain.

surrender (sə rĕn' dər). To give up fighting and take a loss.

**survive** (sər vīv'). To stay alive; to last despite problems.

treaty (trē' tē). An agreement between two groups of people.

# 1. THE FIRST SETTLERS

In 1606, King James I of England gave a **charter** to some men from England. This charter allowed them to build a town, or settlement, in the New World. In 1607, this group of English pioneers sailed into the Chesapeake Bay off the coast of Virginia. They built a fort along the James River. They named their settlement Jamestown in honor of King James. Jamestown was the first **permanent** European settlement in the New World.

# **Words to Study**

**charter** (chär' tər). A paper signed by a king or other leader telling a group what they can do.

**deserted** (dǐ zûrt' ed). No longer being lived in; a deserted village is empty.

**government** (gŭv' ərn mənt). The rules and people that make the rules to help people live together in a town or country.

**indentured** (ĭn dĕn' chərd). Under the service of another person by an agreement; an indentured servant agreed to work for a colonist to pay for a trip to the New World.

**permanent** (pûr' mə nənt). Lasting forever or staying at least for a long time.

persecuted (pûr' sĭ kyüt ed). Treated cruelly because of your beliefs.

**survive** (sər vīv'). To stay alive; to last despite problems. treaty (trē' tē). An agreement between two groups of people.

## Ask your teacher to say these words with you.





These are the names of a few Native American groups. Ask your teacher to help you pronounce the following names:

Powhatan Pow a tan (pou ə tăn')

Chippewa Chip eh wah (chĭp' ə wä)

Ojibwa O jib way (ō jĭb' wā)

Seminole Seh muh nole (sĕm' ə nōl)

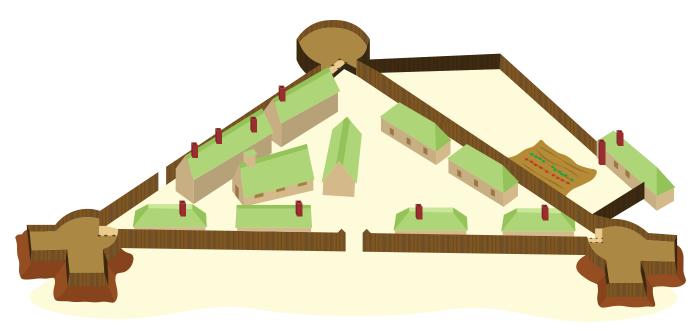
Wampanoag Wahm pah noh ahg (wäm pə nō' ăg)



# The Story of Jamestown

Early on, the settlers at Jamestown had problems. They were strangers in this land. The native people did not welcome them at first. The neighboring Powhatan Indians repeatedly attacked Jamestown. The colonists struggled to make their settlement survive. More English colonists came to Jamestown to help. By 1609, 214 settlers lived at Jamestown.

The winter of 1609 brought hard times to the Jamestown colony. Virginia had suffered a long drought, and food supplies ran low. The Jamestown colonists did not have enough food to eat. To help, a ship filled with food and supplies set sail from England. Then, a hurricane stopped it from reaching the colony in time. Only 60 of the settlers lived through the winter. This hard winter became known as "the starving time."



Jamestown

By spring, the surviving colonists were ready to leave Jamestown and return to England. Then, the ship from England at last arrived with food, supplies, and new settlers. Their arrival gave the colonists hope. They decided to stay in Jamestown.







# Circle the correct answer.

1.1	King James I gave the first colonists a them to build a settlement in the New World		
	a. license	b. map	c. charter
1.2	•	nt settlement was ca	
	a. Jamestown	b. Plymouth	c. New York
1.3	The settlers had m	any problems with th	ne Indians.
	a. Chippewa	b. Ojibwa	c. Powhatan
1.4	In the winter of 16	09, many of the sett	lers died because
they did not have enough			
	a. wood	b. food	c. money

The Powhatan Indians continued to attack Jamestown. In 1614, a colonist named John Rolfe married Chief Powhatan's daughter, Pocahontas. Their marriage brought peace between the English colonists and the Powhatan Indians for a number of years. In 1622, Chief Powhatan died, and his brother became chief. The new chief



| Pocahontas and her father meet John Rolfe

planned a surprise attack on the English settlements. More than 300 colonists were killed. After this attack, the colonists left the fort at Jamestown. They built a new settlement just east of the old fort and called it New Town.



### Circle the correct answer.

1.5	There was peace with the Powhatan Indians for a while		
	after John Rolfe married		
	a. Powhatan b. Mary Pierce c. Pocahon	tas	
1.6	The Indian tribe attacked the Jamestown settlement.		
	a. Powhatan b. Apache c. Pueblo		

- **1.7** The colonists moved to \_\_\_\_\_ after a surprise attack by the Powhatan Indians.
  - a. France
  - b. New Town
  - c. Plymouth Colony

# **Finding Freedom to Worship**

In the early 1600s, people who lived in England could not choose their religions. They had to be members of the Church of England. Anyone who tried to practice other religions could be fined or thrown into jail. One group of people decided to form their own church, even though it was illegal. They were called "Separatists" because they separated from the Church of England. Their decision put them in great danger. Some Separatists were treated

cruelly, or **persecuted**, for their beliefs.

Around 1608, these people decided to leave England.
They wanted to find freedom to worship without fear. They moved to the Netherlands.
The people in the Netherlands welcomed them. Today, we know this group as the Pilgrims.



| The Mayflower

The Pilgrims stayed in the Netherlands for about 12 years. Then, they began to worry. Their children were becoming too much like their Dutch neighbors. The Pilgrims decided to sail to the New World. They hoped to start a colony where they could freely practice their beliefs.

In 1620, the Pilgrims set sail in a ship called the *Mayflower*. They had permission to settle in Virginia, like the Jamestown colonists. But a strong wind blew the ship off course. Instead, the ship landed at Cape Cod of present-day Massachusetts. The Pilgrims became the second group of pioneers to arrive in the New World.





# Circle the correct answer.

1.8	The second group of pioneers to come to the New World				
	were the				
	a. Pilgrims b. merchants c. sailors				
1.9	The Separatists left England and moved to				
	<ul><li>a. France</li><li>b. Italy</li><li>c. the Netherlands</li></ul>				
1.10	The Pilgrims decided to come to the New World because their were not following in their ways anymore.				
	a. parents b. children c. neighbors				
1.11	The Pilgrims traveled to North America on a ship named the				
	a. Pinta b. Niña c. Mayflower				

# **SELF TEST 1**

Each answer = 1 point

Choose the correct answer and write it on the correct line. Not all words will be used.

starving time	cold	church
charter	constitution	Powhatan
John Rolfe	John Smith	Wampanoag
government	Cherokee	

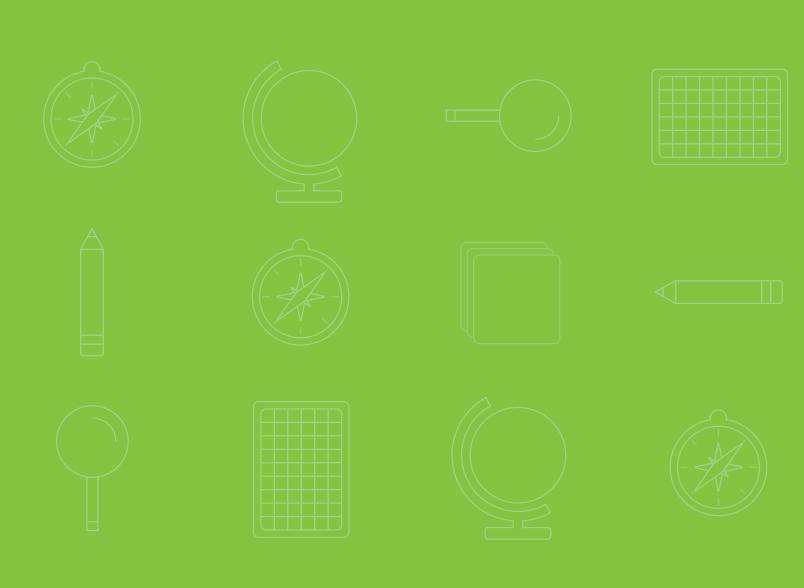
1.01	Many Jamestown settlers died during the winter of
	1609, which was called the
1.02	King James I gave the colonists ato start the colony at Jamestown.
1.03	The Jamestown settlers had many problems with the Indians.
1.04	Pocahontas, the daughter of Chief Powhatan, married
1.05	Squanto was a Indian who lived in England for a short time.

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1.06	The Mayflower Compact was a set of laws the Pilgrims agreed to obey.			
	Yes No			
1.07	The Wampanoag Indians were friendly and helped the Pilgrims grow crops.  Yes No			
Circle the	e correct answer.			
1.08	The Pilgrims lived in before sailing to the New World.  a. the Netherlands b. Sweden c. Greenland			
1.09	The Pilgrims' ship was named the  a. Mayflower b. Santa Maria c. Niña			
1.010	The rules that the Pilgrims created for their settlement was called the Mayflower  a. Constitution b. Paper c. Compact			
1.011	The Pilgrims moved into a village that had been deserted by the  a. Norsemen			

b. Native Americans

c. Spanish





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