



American Colonies

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Colonies are listed north to south.

Answer	Details
Massachusetts Bay	Founded by John Winthrop ; first settled as Plymouth Colony by Puritans ; became Massachusetts and Maine
New Hampshire	First led by John Cutt; important port city at Portsmouth
Rhode Island and Providence Plantations	Founded by Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson , who sought religious freedom outside of Massachusetts Bay; originally owned by Narragansett tribe
Connecticut	Incorporated Saybrook and New Haven colonies
New York	Replaced the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, which had been led by Peter Minuit and Peter Stuyvesant from modern New York City
New Jersey	Site of Revolutionary War battles of Trenton and Princeton
Pennsylvania	Founded by William Penn with Quaker leadership; home to Benjamin Franklin's hospital and fire station, as well as the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia; southern border determined by the Mason-Dixon Line
Delaware	Originally a set of "lower counties" of Pennsylvania
Maryland	Founded by Cecil Calvert , Lord Baltimore as a Catholic colony but with legal tolerance for Protestants
Virginia	home to Jamestown , the first permanent English settlement in North America where John Rolfe grew tobacco, and the House of Burgesses , the first elected legislative assembly in North America; suffered Bacon's Rebellion
North Carolina	John Locke helped write the 1669 Fundamental Constitution of the Carolinas; site of a Revolutionary War battle at Guilford Courthouse
South Carolina	Broke from North Carolina in 1712; site of the Stono slave rebellion and the Revolutionary War Battle of Cowpens
Georgia	Founded by James Oglethorpe as a debtor colony and to buffer against Spanish Florida; northeastern border formed by the Savannah River