
STANDARD USI.5a

The student will apply social science skills to understand the factors that shaped colonial America by

- a) describing the religious and economic events and conditions that led to the colonization of America;

Essential Understandings

Colonies in North America were established for religious and economic reasons.

Essential Knowledge

Colonies and the reasons they were established

- Roanoke Island (Lost Colony) was established as an economic venture.
- Jamestown settlement, the first permanent English settlement in North America (1607), was an economic venture by the Virginia Company.
- Plymouth Colony was settled by separatists from the Church of England who wanted to avoid religious persecution.
- Massachusetts Bay Colony was settled by the Puritans to avoid religious persecution.
- Pennsylvania was settled by the Quakers, who wanted freedom to practice their faith without interference.
- Georgia was settled by people who had been in debtors' prisons in England. They hoped to experience economic freedom and start a new life in the New World.