Why They Came

Read about reasons people settled in the English colonies.

SS24.2.1a "Describe the reasons for the settlement of the American colonies."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one reason people came to the colonies in each paragraph. Number the reasons 1, 2, and 3 so you can compare them.

New Homes, Different Reasons

1. In 1607, a group from England built Jamestown in Virginia. The people who paid for the trip hoped to make money. They wanted to find goods to sell. Later, many settlers grew tobacco to sell.

2. In 1620, a group called the Pilgrims sailed to a place they named Plymouth. They wanted to worship God in their own way. Their faith was one reason they made a new home across the ocean.

3. Other people came to the English colonies to farm and own land. They hoped to grow food for their families. Native peoples already lived on this land. Colonists took land from many Native communities as the colonies grew.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why did the people who paid for the trip to Jamestown want a colony?

2. Why did the Pilgrims make a new home across the ocean?

3. Why did some people come to the colonies to farm?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

A museum sign says, “Everyone came to the colonies to get rich on empty land.” Write three sentences that correct the sign. Include two different reasons people came and explain why the land was not empty.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one reason people came to the colonies in each paragraph. Number the reasons 1, 2, and 3 so you can compare them. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did the people who paid for the trip to Jamestown want a colony?	**They hoped to make money by finding goods to sell.**
2	Why did the Pilgrims make a new home across the ocean?	**They wanted to worship God in their own way.**
3	Why did some people come to the colonies to farm?	**They hoped to own land and grow food for their families.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Some people came to the English colonies to make money by selling goods or crops. Others came to worship in their own way. The land was not empty because Native peoples already lived there.

Accept any two reasons supported by the passage: making money, worshiping in their own way, or farming and owning land. The final sentence should state that Native peoples already lived on the land.