

Colony Builders

Identify leaders who helped shape three colonial regions.

SS.5.A.4.3 "Identify significant individuals responsible for the development of the New England, Middle, and Southern colonies."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each significant individual's name. Underline the colony or region connected to that person, then write 1, 2, or 3 beside each match for New England, Middle, or Southern.

Leaders Who Shaped Colonies

- ① In New England, the Massachusetts Bay Colony grew under John Winthrop, who arrived with Puritan settlers in 1630. As governor, Winthrop helped organize the colony's government and encouraged the Puritans to build a religious community. Earlier, the Pilgrims had founded Plymouth, but Winthrop's leadership shaped the larger Massachusetts Bay Colony and influenced other New England settlements.
- ② The Middle Colonies included Pennsylvania, founded by William Penn in 1681. King Charles II gave Penn land to repay a debt owed to Penn's father. A Quaker, Penn planned Pennsylvania as a place where people of different Christian beliefs could live more freely. He promoted religious tolerance and made agreements with Native Americans, helping the colony attract settlers.
- ③ In the Southern Colonies, James Oglethorpe helped establish Georgia in 1732. He hoped the colony could give poor English people a fresh start and serve as a buffer between South Carolina and Spanish Florida. Oglethorpe led settlers to Georgia and governed the colony at first. His plans and leadership helped Georgia develop as Britain's newest mainland colony.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which individual helped shape the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and what kind of community did he encourage?

2 How did William Penn's Quaker beliefs affect his plans for Pennsylvania?

3 Name two goals James Oglethorpe had for Georgia.

4 Match each region to the individual and colony he helped develop: New England, Middle Colonies, and Southern Colonies.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose John Winthrop, William Penn, or James Oglethorpe. Write 3 or 4 sentences introducing that person to new settlers, naming the colony and region and explaining how the person's plans or actions helped the colony develop.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each significant individual's name. Underline the colony or region connected to that person, then write 1, 2, or 3 beside each match for New England, Middle, or Southern. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which individual helped shape the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and what kind of community did he encourage?	John Winthrop. He encouraged the Puritans to build a religious community.
2	How did William Penn's Quaker beliefs affect his plans for Pennsylvania?	He planned Pennsylvania as a place where people with different Christian beliefs could live more freely and promoted religious tolerance.
3	Name two goals James Oglethorpe had for Georgia.	He wanted Georgia to give poor English people a fresh start and to serve as a buffer between South Carolina and Spanish Florida.
4	Match each region to the individual and colony he helped develop: New England, Middle Colonies, and Southern Colonies.	New England: John Winthrop, Massachusetts Bay Colony. Middle Colonies: William Penn, Pennsylvania. Southern Colonies: James Oglethorpe, Georgia.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

William Penn founded Pennsylvania in the Middle Colonies. He wanted Quakers and other Christians to have greater religious freedom. His support for tolerance helped bring settlers to the colony.

Accept answers that correctly connect Winthrop with Massachusetts Bay and New England, Penn with Pennsylvania and the Middle Colonies, and Oglethorpe with Georgia and the Southern Colonies. For the open response, accept a clear, accurate explanation of the chosen leader's role in developing the colony.