A New Start

Who came to colonial Georgia, and why

5.C.2.1.F "James Oglethorpe's recruitment of England's impoverished and religious minorities to Georgia."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline reasons Oglethorpe invited poor people from England to Georgia. Circle details that show how he responded to a religious minority.

Starting Over in Georgia

1. In the 1730s, James Oglethorpe helped start the British colony of Georgia. He wanted it to offer a new start to poor people in England who could not find enough work. Oglethorpe and other leaders invited families who were willing to farm and build. The colony paid for selected settlers' trip across the ocean and gave them supplies to begin, but they had to work hard.

2. Getting to Georgia was only the beginning. Settlers had to clear land, build homes, and grow food in an unfamiliar place. Oglethorpe did not fill ships with people taken from debtors' prisons, as one common story claims. The first settlers were chosen before they sailed. Their work would help them support their families and help the new colony grow.

3. In 1733, Jewish settlers arrived in Georgia from London. Jews were a religious minority in England, where most people belonged to Christian churches. Oglethorpe welcomed the newcomers even though some other leaders did not want them to stay. One of them, Dr. Samuel Nunes, helped treat people when illness spread. Georgia was not equally welcoming to every faith, but these settlers found a place there.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why did Oglethorpe want poor people from England to settle in Georgia?

2. What help did selected settlers receive, and what work did Oglethorpe expect them to do?

3. Why were the Jewish settlers a religious minority in England, and how did Oglethorpe respond when they arrived?

4. How was Oglethorpe's role with the poor settlers different from his role with the Jewish settlers from London?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence note from a Georgia settler to a friend in England. Explain why a poor family might choose Georgia, how Oglethorpe treated a religious minority, and one challenge of starting over. Use passage details without copying its sentences.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline reasons Oglethorpe invited poor people from England to Georgia. Circle details that show how he responded to a religious minority. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did Oglethorpe want poor people from England to settle in Georgia?	**He wanted to give people who could not find enough work a new start. Their work would also help the colony grow.**
2	What help did selected settlers receive, and what work did Oglethorpe expect them to do?	**The colony paid for their trip and gave them supplies. They were expected to farm and build.**
3	Why were the Jewish settlers a religious minority in England, and how did Oglethorpe respond when they arrived?	**Most people in England belonged to Christian churches. Oglethorpe welcomed the Jewish settlers despite some other leaders' objections.**
4	How was Oglethorpe's role with the poor settlers different from his role with the Jewish settlers from London?	**He helped invite and select poor settlers before they sailed. He welcomed the Jewish settlers after they arrived.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Dear friend, a family with too little work in England might come to Georgia for a chance to farm. Oglethorpe let Jewish settlers from London stay even though some leaders objected. Starting over is difficult because we must clear land and build homes.

Accept answers that distinguish Oglethorpe's invitation to poor settlers from his welcome to Jewish settlers after their arrival. Do not accept a claim that he brought settlers from debtors' prisons.