

Reasons for Settlement

Track when, where, and why groups made settlements.

5.1.A “explain when, where, and why groups of people explored, colonized, and settled in the United States, including the search for religious freedom and economic gain; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every date or time period. Circle every place, then write 1 beside each economic reason, 2 beside each reason to spread religion, and 3 beside each reason about religious freedom. If a sentence gives more than one reason, write each matching number beside that sentence.

Why People Came

- ① In the 1500s, Spanish explorers traveled through Florida, the Southwest, and other parts of North America. Spain wanted more land and wealth, including gold and silver. Spanish missionaries also hoped to spread Christianity. Spanish settlements, such as St. Augustine in Florida, helped Spain claim land and build trade routes. Exploration often came first, followed by colonies where people lived permanently.
- ② In 1607, English investors and settlers founded Jamestown in Virginia. The investors expected economic gain from trade and valuable resources. Settlers hoped the colony would make money for England and for themselves. Life was hard because the settlers faced hunger and disease. Even so, Jamestown survived and grew, becoming England's first permanent settlement in North America.
- ③ In 1620, the Pilgrims sailed from England and settled at Plymouth in present-day Massachusetts. They wanted to practice their religion more freely than they could in England. In the 1630s, Puritans also came from England to Massachusetts Bay. They hoped to create communities guided by their religious beliefs. These English groups sought religious freedom, but they also needed land, food, and work to build lasting settlements.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 When did Spanish explorers travel through North America? Name one place they traveled and two reasons Spain sent them.

2 When and where was Jamestown founded? Why did investors expect the colony to help them?

3 How were the religious goals of the Pilgrims and Puritans alike and different?

4 What three needs did the English religious groups have as they built lasting settlements?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Choose the Jamestown settlers, Pilgrims, or Puritans. Write exactly three sentences that name when and where they settled, explain why they came, and describe one challenge or need from the passage that they would face.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every date or time period. Circle every place, then write 1 beside each economic reason, 2 beside each reason to spread religion, and 3 beside each reason about religious freedom. If a sentence gives more than one reason, write each matching number beside that sentence. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	When did Spanish explorers travel through North America? Name one place they traveled and two reasons Spain sent them.	They traveled in the 1500s. They traveled through places including Florida or the Southwest. Spain wanted land and wealth, including gold and silver, and missionaries wanted to spread Christianity.
2	When and where was Jamestown founded? Why did investors expect the colony to help them?	Jamestown was founded in 1607 in Virginia. Investors expected to gain money from trade and valuable resources.
3	How were the religious goals of the Pilgrims and Puritans alike and different?	Both groups came from England for religious reasons. The Pilgrims wanted to practice religion more freely, while the Puritans hoped to create communities guided by their religious beliefs.
4	What three needs did the English religious groups have as they built lasting settlements?	They needed land, food, and work.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In 1607, English settlers founded Jamestown in Virginia. They came because investors and settlers hoped to gain money from trade and valuable resources. They faced hunger and disease as they tried to make the colony survive.

Accept accurate dates or time periods, places, and reasons stated in the passage. The open response must have exactly three sentences and include the selected group's time, place, reason for coming, and a passage-supported challenge or need, such as hunger and disease for Jamestown or land, food, and work for the Pilgrims or Puritans.