

Turning Point Places

Trace major United States turning points through their locations.

8.10.A “locate places and regions directly related to major eras and turning points in the United States during the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each **bold** place or region name only. Write 17, 18, or 19 beside each underlined name to show the century of the turning point it directly connects to, and do not mark unbolded location words, dates, countries, states, or repeated words.

Places That Mark Change

- ① In 1607, English settlers built **Jamestown** in present-day Virginia. This settlement began England’s first permanent colony in North America, a major 17th-century turning point. In 1630, Puritans founded the **Massachusetts Bay Colony** along the New England coast. Its towns became centers of trade, government, and religious life. Farther south, the **Chesapeake region** grew around tobacco farming. These places show where English colonization took root during the 1600s. Colonial ships carried crops and people across the Atlantic.
- ② During the 1700s, protests in **Boston** helped turn disagreement with British rule into revolution. The Tea Party of 1773 challenged a tax on tea. In 1776, delegates in **Philadelphia** approved the Declaration of Independence, announcing that the colonies would separate from Britain. Later, American and French forces trapped a British army at **Yorktown**, Virginia, in 1781. That victory led to peace negotiations and confirmed American independence. These three places trace key stages of the Revolution.
- ③ During the 1800s, events in several regions reshaped the nation. In 1848, gold discovered at **Sutter’s Mill** in California drew migrants west and began the California Gold Rush. In 1861, fighting at **Fort Sumter** in South Carolina opened the Civil War. Two years later, the Battle of **Gettysburg** in Pennsylvania stopped a major Confederate invasion of the North. Each location is tied to a turning point involving expansion, conflict, or national unity in American history.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which bold place is connected to England’s first permanent colony in North America?

2 Which two bold places are connected to the Declaration of Independence and the victory that led to peace negotiations?

3 Which bold place is tied to the opening of the Civil War, and what state does the passage name for it?

4 List the three bold place names that the passage connects to 19th-century turning points.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Make a three-row location record. Choose one bold place or region from each century, then write the century, the place or region, and the turning point directly linked to it in the passage.

CENTURY	PLACE OR REGION	DIRECTLY LINKED TURNING POINT

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

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PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which bold place is connected to England's first permanent colony in North America?	Jamestown.
2	Which two bold places are connected to the Declaration of Independence and the victory that led to peace negotiations?	Philadelphia is connected to approval of the Declaration of Independence, and Yorktown is connected to the victory that led to peace negotiations.
3	Which bold place is tied to the opening of the Civil War, and what state does the passage name for it?	Fort Sumter, South Carolina.
4	List the three bold place names that the passage connects to 19th-century turning points.	Sutter's Mill, Fort Sumter, and Gettysburg.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

CENTURY	PLACE OR REGION	DIRECTLY LINKED TURNING POINT
17	Massachusetts Bay Colony	English colonization took root
18	Philadelphia	Delegates approved the Declaration of Independence
19	Fort Sumter	Fighting opened the Civil War

Accept any one bold location from each century when the century and turning point match the passage. Students may describe the linked turning point in their own accurate words.