

Colony Clues

Read how the colonies changed from British settlements to a new nation.

2.8 "The student will apply history and social science skills to understand the principles of American democracy and relate them to the founding of the nation by identifying reasons for the settlement of the thirteen colonies..."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the reasons people began colonies, circle words that show Great Britain's control, and put a box around each idea the Declaration of Independence says.

From Colonies to Independence

- ① During the 1600s and 1700s, people crossed the Atlantic Ocean to begin colonies in North America. Some hoped to find land or jobs. Some wanted to practice religion freely. Great Britain claimed the thirteen colonies, and each colony had local leaders.
- ② Great Britain was across the ocean, yet it ruled the colonies. The British government made laws and asked colonists to pay taxes. Britain sent soldiers to protect the colonies, but many colonists thought the taxes and laws were unfair.
- ③ In 1776, colonial leaders wrote the Declaration of Independence. It said that people have rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It said governments get their power from the people. The Declaration explained why the colonies should be free from Great Britain.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

- 1 Why did some people begin colonies in North America? Give two reasons from the passage.

- 2 How did Great Britain control the colonies? Name two things Britain did.

- 3 What did the Declaration of Independence say about government power and the colonies?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write three sentences for an imaginary new settlement. Tell why people settled there, explain how its leaders get power, and state one right people have.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

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PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did some people begin colonies in North America? Give two reasons from the passage.	They hoped to find land or jobs, and they wanted to practice religion freely.
2	How did Great Britain control the colonies? Name two things Britain did.	Great Britain made laws, asked colonists to pay taxes, and sent soldiers to protect the colonies. Any two.
3	What did the Declaration of Independence say about government power and the colonies?	It said governments get their power from the people, and it explained why the colonies should be free from Great Britain.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our settlement began near a river because families needed good land to grow food. We will choose leaders, and they will listen to the people. Our declaration says every child has the right to learn and be safe.

Accept equivalent reasons, British actions, and Declaration ideas stated in the passage. For Your Turn, accept sensible original settlement ideas that include all three requested parts.