Guided Reading Activity

Colonizing America, Prehistory to 1754

Lesson 3  Founding the Thirteen Colonies

Review Questions: Identifying Supporting Details
DIRECTIONS: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. Main Idea: England’s first colonies were founded mainly for religious and economic reasons.

1. Detail: Reform of the Catholic Church led to the _____ in Europe. Some Anglicans, called _____, eventually left England for _____.

2. Detail: By the 1500s the increased demand for _____ left many tenant farmers homeless, so merchants formed _____ companies to set up colonies in other parts of the world.

3. Detail: In 1607 the Virginia Company founded the settlement of ____. The colony was nearly abandoned until settlers began growing ____. In 1618 the colonists formed a lawmaking body called _____.

4. Detail: Since most of the colonists in Maryland were Protestants, the assembly passed the _____ to ensure religious freedom for all Christians.

B. Main Idea: Although Pilgrims and Puritans came to America for religious freedom, they were intolerant of religious freedom for others living in their colonies.

1. Detail: A group of Separatists, later called _____, sailed to America in 1620 settling in Cape Cod. They named their settlement ____. A plague killed most of the settlers. Those who survived were helped by a Wampanoag man named _____.

2. Detail: When economic and religious hardships increased in England _____ and other stockholders of the _____ decided to found a colony in New England.

3. Detail: Because the Puritans did not allow religious freedom, other colonies were founded: Roger Williams and Ann Hutchinson founded _____, and _____ founded Connecticut.

C. Main Idea: When Charles II became king of England after a civil war, English colonies were founded for several reasons.

1. Detail: Charles II took over the Dutch colony of _____, and gave it to his brother, who renamed it ____. Later, some of this land was renamed _____.

2. Detail: In order to repay a debt, the king gave land to _____. He was a member of the _____, a group that believed in religious toleration.

3. Detail: To help England’s worthy poor, or debtors, James Oglethorpe founded the colony of ____. 
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Summary and Reflection
DIRECTIONS: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.
How did religious intolerance lead to the founding of many of the English colonies?

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