

Colonial America – Project Handout

Introduction

In the centuries after 1492, European countries created colonies throughout the Americas. The Spanish had a huge head start and conquered lands that stretched hundreds of miles from California in North America to Chile in South America.

The English, on the other hand, created their first permanent in 1607 at Jamestown, Virginia. In 1620, a second colony was created at Massachusetts. Eventually, the English created 13 colonies along the east coast of North America.

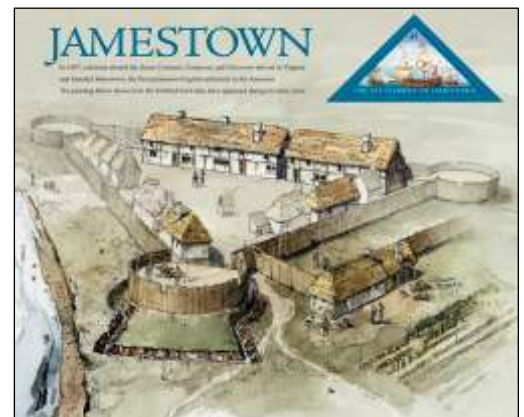
Method

You will select and research one of the 13 English colonies in North America. Your research should focus on the following areas...

- History: founding, important events
- Geography: region, climate/environment, important settlements
- Economy: natural resources, industries/exports
- Government: system of government, relationship with England

When you are done with your research, you will create a tri-fold brochure that encourages people in England to move to your colony. Your brochure will need to include sections for your colony's history, geography, economy, and government. It will also need to include pictures/cartoons and a bibliography.

Finally you will need to write a reflection paper that answers the following questions: What was your project's greatest strength? What was your project's greatest weakness? Would you do anything differently if you could redo this project from the beginning? What grade do you think you deserve for your project?



Products and Grading Criteria

#1) Tri-fold brochure – 80 points

- Appearance is colorful and attractive
- Project is organized into the four standards
- Information shows evidence of research and understanding
- Writing is clear and there are no mistakes in spelling/grammar

#2) Bibliography – 10 points

- Follows standard MLA format
- Contains at least 3 sources total
- Contains at least 1 book source

#3) Reflection Paper – 10 points

- Meets requirements regarding length and format
- Contains meaningful reflections about the project
- No mistakes in spelling/grammar