

The 13 American Colonies

1 Put the letters in order to make words.

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| 1 gmspilri Pilgrims | 6 raigmete |
| 2 fstea | 7 setlestr |
| 3 ylncoo | 8 aoeywflrm |
| 4 ramf | 9 prsco |
| 5 rnigivia | |

2a Read the text. Then **circle** the correct option.

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Why did people go?

People emigrated to North America for different reasons: for a better life, to make money or for religious reasons. The English established the first colony in Virginia in 1607. In 1620, the famous ship the brought a group of Pilgrims to America. The Pilgrims were Puritans. Puritans believed in a simple life and in hard work. They wanted freedom to practise their religion and hoped to create a new society when they arrived. By 1733, there were 13 colonies on the east coast. These colonies are now states of the USA.

Life in the colonies

Life in the colonies was very difficult. There were some small towns, but most settlers lived and worked on farms. They made everything: their houses, their furniture, their clothes, and they grew their own food. Many people died because they couldn't live in the difficult conditions. 102 Pilgrims arrived on the Mayflower but only 53 survived the first winter. Native Americans helped them. They gave them food and taught them how to plant crops. To celebrate and give thanks to God, the Pilgrims had a feast with their Native American friends. Thanksgiving Day is now an annual holiday in the USA. It is on the fourth Thursday in November, every year.

- People emigrated to North America for a better life, and to
 (a) make money b go on holiday c visit their family
- The established the first colony in 1607.
 a French b English c Americans
- A group of travelled to America on the Mayflower.
 a Pilgrims b tourists c soldiers
- The Pilgrims wanted freedom to
 a play sport b work hard c practise their religion
- There were 13 on the east coast in 1733.
 a people b colonies c farms
- Life in the colonies was very
 a difficult b cold c easy
- The Pilgrims their furniture, clothes and food.
 a found b bought c made
- The Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to
 a plant crops b make clothes c have a feast
- Thanksgiving Day is on the fourth Thursday in
 a October b November c December

2b Read the sentences. Then write the numbers.

1620 53 1607 13 1733 102

- When did the English establish the first colony? 1607
- When did the Pilgrims travel to America in the Mayflower?
- In 1733, how many colonies were there on the east coast?
- How many Pilgrims arrived in America?
- How many Pilgrims survived the first winter?