

## History

- The first colonies
- Why did people go?
- Life in the colonies

## Language

- Past tense
- Wh- questions

1 **05** Read and listen to the first part of the text below and look at the picture. Circle the correct answer.

- 1 People first emigrated to North America .....  
a 200 years ago    b 400 years ago    c in the last century
- 2 People emigrated from .....  
a Europe    b Asia    c South America
- 3 People travelled .....  
a on foot    b in ships    c by plane
- 4 The journey was .....  
a quick and safe    b long but safe    c long and dangerous

## The 13 American colonies

Over four hundred years ago people began to emigrate from England, Spain, France, Sweden and the Netherlands to North America. They travelled in ships across the Atlantic Ocean. The journey was long and dangerous. It took many weeks and people often died from disease.



2a **06** Listen and read the second part of the text on page 2. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). Correct the false sentences.

- 1 The first colony was established in 1706. F. It was established in 1607.
- 2 In 1733 there were 13 colonies on the east coast.
- 3 There were 102 Pilgrims on the *Mayflower*.
- 4 There were 53 survivors after the first winter.
- 5 Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in December.

2b Read the text on page 2 again. Then answer the questions.

- 1 Why did people emigrate to North America 400 years ago?  
*They emigrated for a better life, to make money or for religious reasons.*
- 2 When did the *Mayflower* arrive?
- 3 Who established the first colony?
- 4 Why did the Pilgrims emigrate to North America?
- 5 How did the settlers get food, clothes and shelter?
- 6 What did they do on the first Thanksgiving Day?



a feast / annual holiday / Thanksgiving Day  
colonies / farmers / Native Americans / settlers  
Pilgrims / Puritans / church  
to give thanks (to God) / to grow (food) / to plant crops / to practise (religion)

### 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 *Mayflower* 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.

## CLIL project Pocahontas

3a Use the internet or books to research the life of Pocahontas. Complete the factfile.

### FACTFILE

- What was her name? ..... Pocahontas
- When/where was she born? .....
- Why was she famous? .....
- How did she help the Pilgrims? .....
- Who did she marry? .....
- Where did she die? .....



3b Present your factfile to the class.