The Thirteen Colonies
Timeline Cards

Philadelphia
Plan for the City of
Rive Delaware
Boat Kill River
Early Spanish exploration of Florida by Ponce de León led to the founding of St. Augustine in 1565. St. Augustine is the oldest continuously inhabited European settlement in the United States.
In 1585, Sir Walter Raleigh established the first English colony in America on Roanoke Island in what is now North Carolina. Called the Lost Colony, all but fifteen settlers returned to Great Britain in 1586. By 1587, there was no one left in the colony.
The first English settlers hoped to find a new home in the colonies.

**Big Question:** Why did people come to settle in the English colonies?
Jamestown was founded in 1607 by the Virginia Company of London.

Big Question: What challenges did the colonists in Jamestown face?
CHAPTER 3: Captain John Smith

Captain John Smith taught people in Jamestown how to survive.

Big Question: How did John Smith make sure that everyone worked?
Big Question: What events led to the Starving Time?
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The Maryland colony was established in 1634 by the Calvert family. The first settlers in the colony lived in a former Native American village.

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Some historians believe the first Africans in America were indentured servants. Others believe that even the first Africans were enslaved.

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CHAPTER 7: Plantations in South Carolina

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In 1670, Charleston was founded in the Carolina colony. It was the biggest city in the colony at the time and an important center of trade.

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The Georgia colony was founded by James Oglethorpe in 1732. He was respectful to all people, including Native Americans.

**Big Question:** Why did James Oglethorpe want to set up a colony in North America?
In 1620, the Pilgrims signed the Mayflower Compact before heading to shore and founding the Plymouth colony.

**Big Question:** Who were the Pilgrims, and why did they sail to America?
The Massachusetts Bay Colony was started in 1630 by Puritans, who wished to “purify” the Church of England.

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Big Question: What was the main reason why Roger Williams disagreed with his fellow Puritans?

In 1636, Roger Williams escaped from Massachusetts and founded the Rhode Island colony.
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In 1624, the Dutch purchased Manhattan Island from Native Americans for $24 in trade goods.

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In 1664, the English Duke of York seized the Dutch colony of New Netherland and renamed it New York.

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CHAPTER 16: William Penn and the Quakers

In 1681, William Penn was granted a charter by the king of England to start the Pennsylvania colony.

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