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Basic Proficiency

English Colonies

U.S. History Grades Seven and Eight

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Statements to Learn

1. Pennsylvania was settled by Quakers. Some Quaker beliefs were:
Pacifism (= no violence ever.)
Equality of all people
Treating natives fairly
2. Enslaved Africans coming to the New World suffered terribly on slave ships. This experience was called the Middle Passage.
3. Representative government is a system where some people can vote and they elect other people to stand for them in government. Examples are:
Virginia House of Burgesses
Massachusetts general Court
Plymouth Colony Mayflower Compact
4. People settled for religious freedom in Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.
5. In New England, they made their living mostly from fishing, lumbering, and rum.
6. On the Southern Colonies they made their living mostly from tobacco and rice and eventually cotton.
7. The Middle Colonies were called the "breadbasket colonies" because the land was fertile and they grew lots of food.
8. The reason they made their living differently in different regions of the colonies was the land and climate was different.

CBM Vocabulary

Charter
Colony
Economics
Persecution
Proprietary
Representative
government

9. Colonists mostly settled by waterways for transportation.	
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