

Early Years





- 1 People from Europe came to the United States before it was a country. Why do you think people came to live in this country?
- 2 How are the boats the people came in different from the boats we use today?
- 3 What countries claimed land in the United States?

VOCABULARY

Native Americans



the first people to live in the United States

natural resources



all things from nature that people use to help them live

freedom



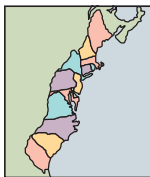
the right to choose how to live

colonists



early European people who came to live in this country

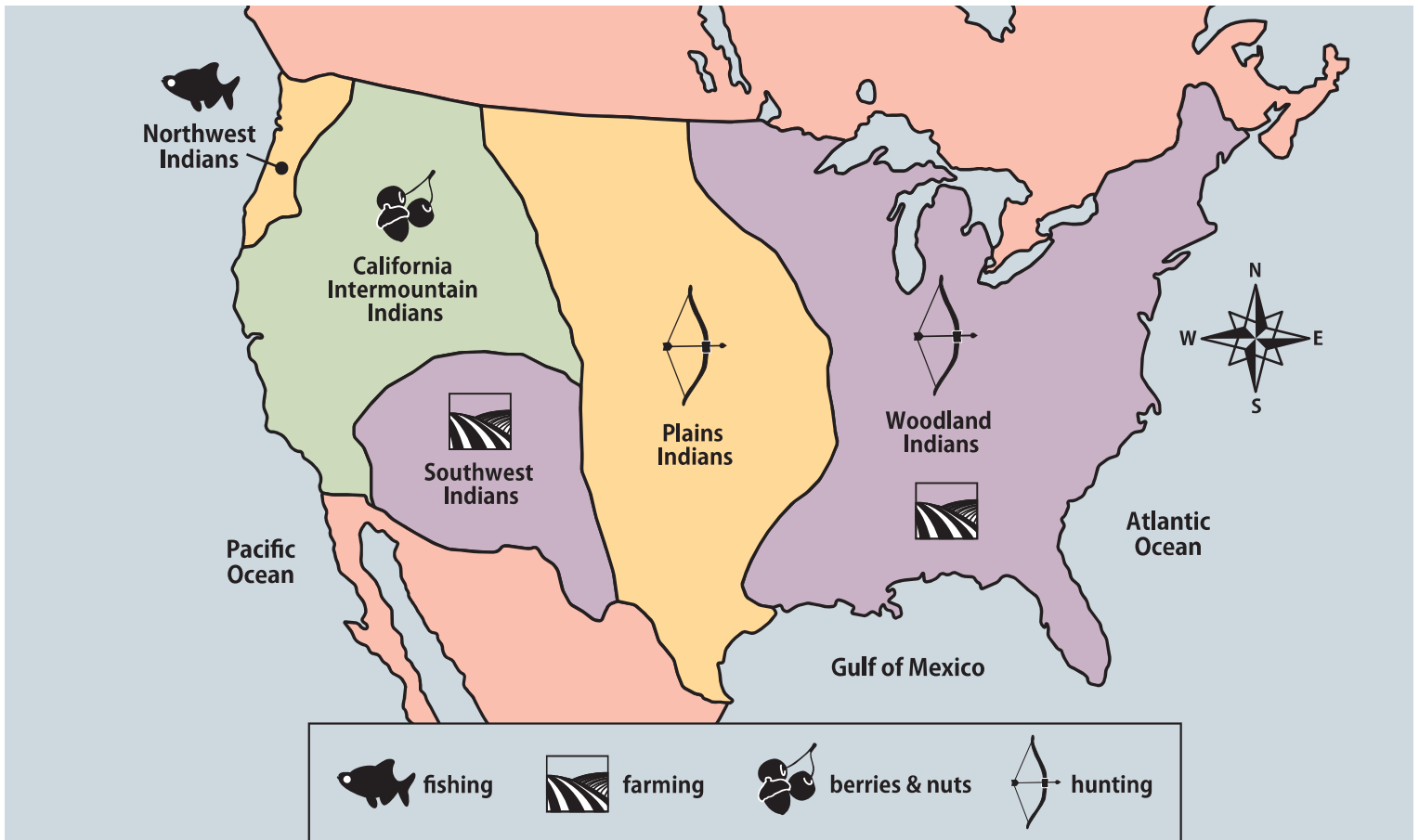
colonies



the early settlements that later formed the 13 founding states



Native Americans



The first people to live in the United States were **Native Americans**, or American Indians. All Native Americans loved nature. However, they were not all alike. How Native Americans made their living depended on the **natural resources** where they lived. They lived in different houses. They ate different food. Point to a group of Native Americans. Tell one fact about them.





Southwest Native Americans



Many **Native Americans** who lived in the Southwest lived in a desert. The desert is hot and dry. These Native Americans used **natural resources** to make a living. They ate desert plants and animals. They were farmers. They dug ditches to get water to their crops. Their houses were made from adobe bricks. These bricks kept the houses cool.



Explorers



The first explorers or Europeans to search for land in the United States came from Spain. They got land for the Spanish king and queen. That meant the new land belonged to Spain. Other kings and queens wanted land. They sent explorers too. The kings and queens wanted to get the **natural resources**. They wanted to find gold to get richer.

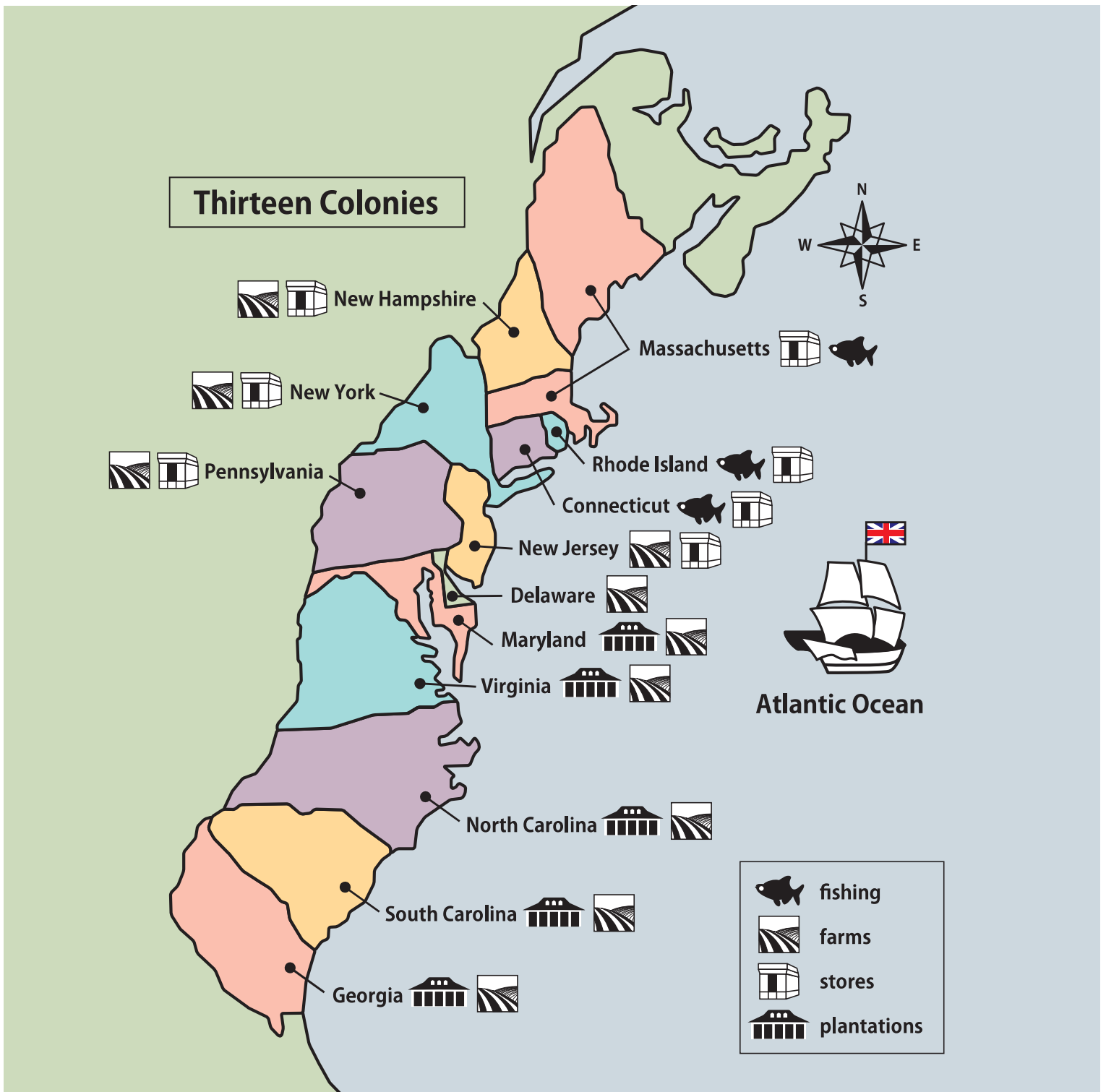


What Happened to the Native Americans

NATURAL RESOURCE	NATIVE AMERICANS
<p>silver and gold</p> 	<p>Were forced to mine gold and silver.</p>
<p>animal furs</p> 	<p>Traded animal furs for beads, blankets, and other supplies.</p>
<p>land</p> 	<p>Showed the colonists how to farm and hunt. Later fought with the colonists over the land.</p>

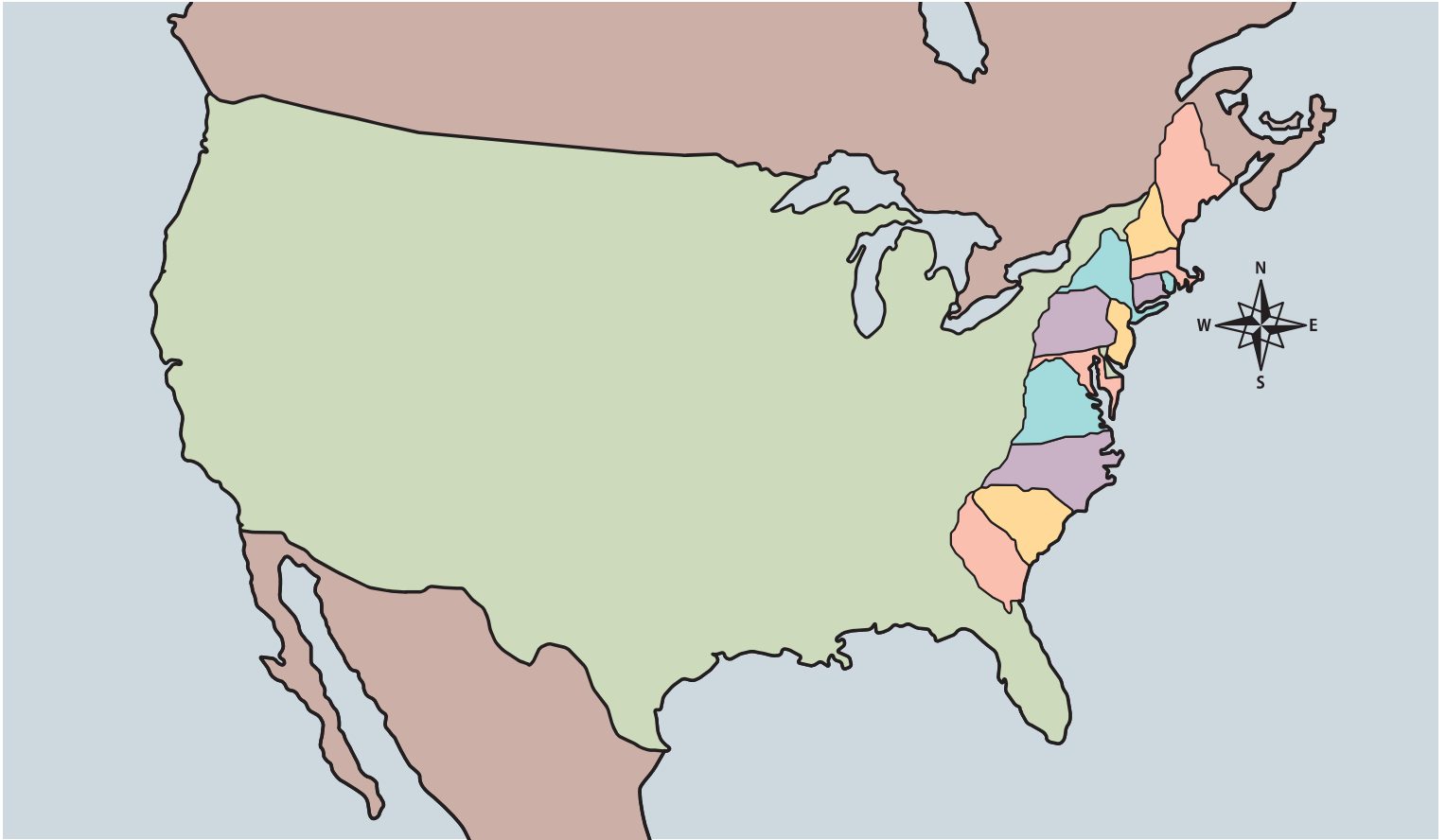
The **Native Americans** had a hard time after the explorers came to North America. The European explorers and **colonists** did not understand the way Native Americans lived. Some Native Americans tried to help the Europeans. However, in spite of their help, Native Americans began to lose their land.





Point to a colony and tell something about it.

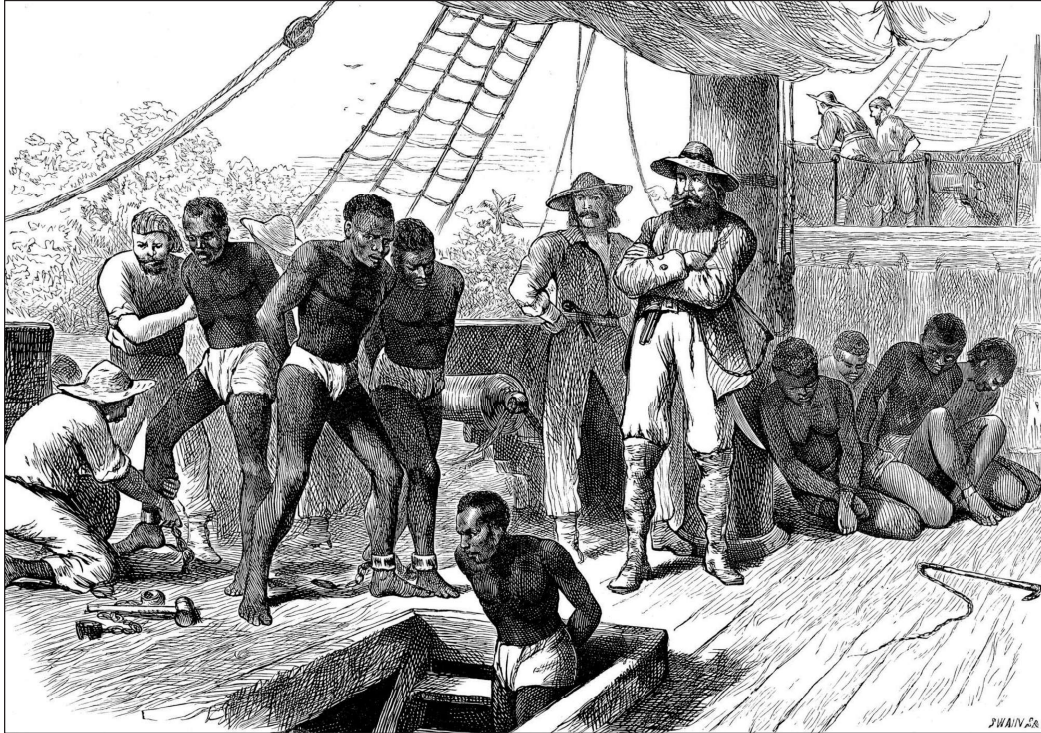
Thirteen Colonies



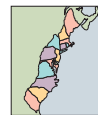
Soon other people came to America. England started **colonies**. Most of the **colonists** were farmers, fisherman, or small store owners. In the South there were large farms called plantations. Plantations needed many people to work the land. Slaves from Africa were brought to do the hard work. The slaves were not free and had to abide by the will of the slave owner.



Slavery



The first slave ship brought Africans to the **colonies** in 1619. There were slaves throughout the colonies. However, there were more in the southern colonies. The large farms called plantations needed many people to work the land. Slaves did not have **freedom**. They had to do what they were told. Slaves did hard work in the fields and homes of the **colonists**.



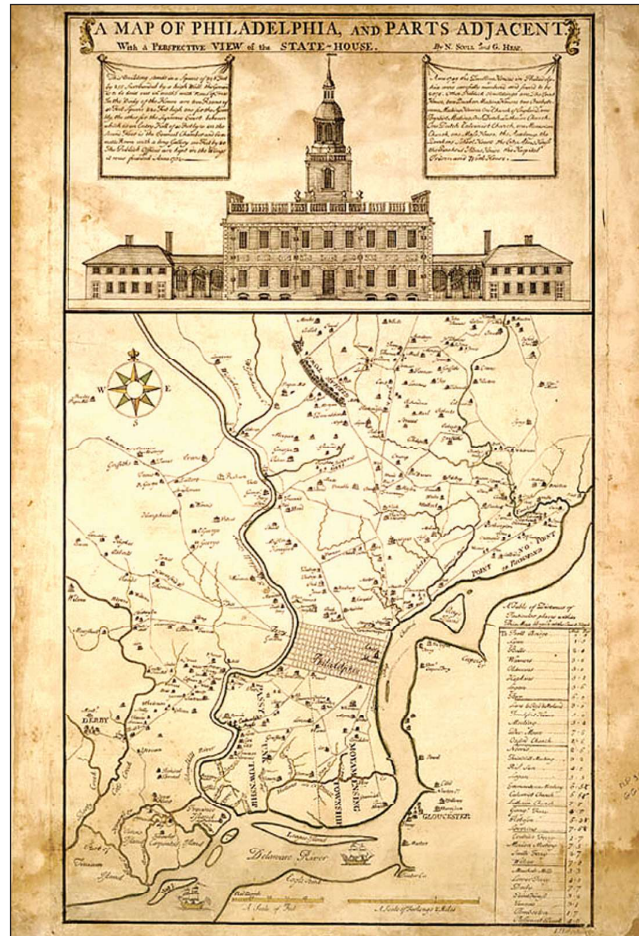
The First Thanksgiving



Some **colonists** came to the **colonies** for religious **freedom**. The Pilgrims came to Plymouth Rock for that reason. The Pilgrims had trouble making a living. They were taught how to farm and hunt by a **Native American** named Squanto. The harvest was so big that the Pilgrims thanked him by holding a big feast. This was the first Thanksgiving.



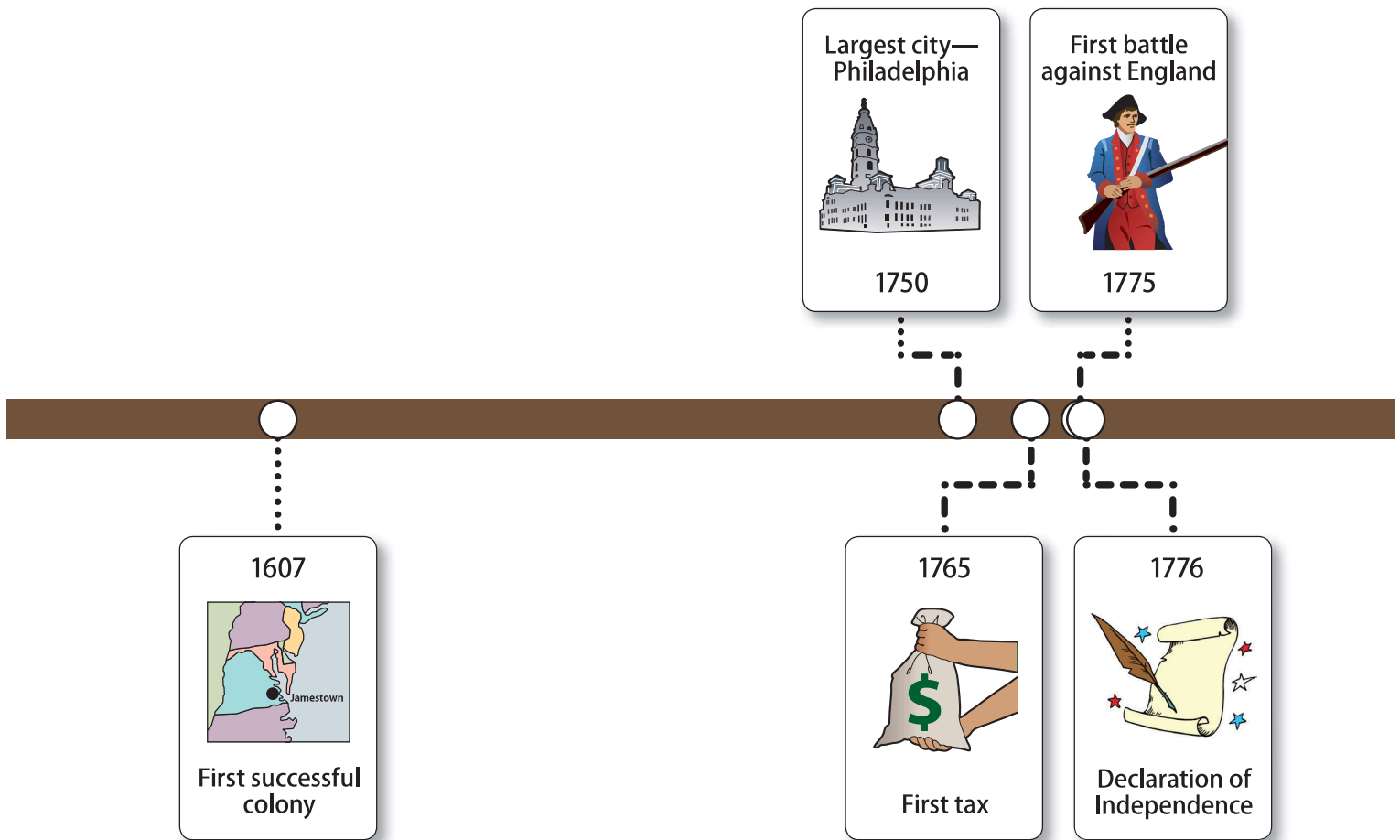
Philadelphia



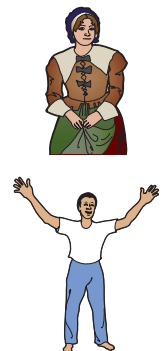
More **colonists** came to the **colonies**. Cities got bigger. Philadelphia became the largest city. Benjamin Franklin was a famous American who moved to Philadelphia to earn a living. Others came for religious **freedom**. Philadelphia had libraries, hospitals, schools, and theaters. Benjamin Franklin helped start a fire department there. Philadelphia is the city where the Declaration of Independence was signed.



Road to Independence



The **colonists** liked their life. The King of England needed money. He taxed the colonists. This made them angry. Many did not like the tax. They wanted **freedom** from the king. Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. It said that people had the right to freedom. The colonists started a war to fight the king. Tell one fact about the timeline.



Life of a Colonial Woman



A colonial woman's life was hard. She used a broom to clean the floors. She washed clothes by hand. She cooked food in a fireplace. She took care of the children. There were few jobs a colonial woman could do to earn money. One job was to sew for other people. Tell one thing about the collage.

QUIZ

Directions: Circle the answer.

1 The first Americans were:



explorers



Native Americans

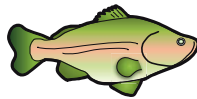


colonists

2 One way all Native Americans were alike is that they:



farmed



fished

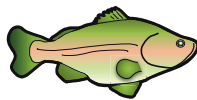


loved nature

3 Southwest Indians made their living by:



farming



fishing

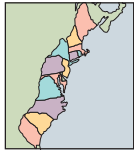


making pottery

QUIZ

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- 1 The people who sailed from Europe to claim lands for kings and queens were:



colonies

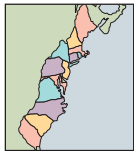


colonists



explorers

- 2 People from Europe moved to places called:



colonies

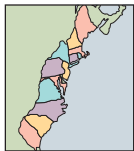


colonists



explorers

- 3 The people who came to live in the colonies were called:



colonies



colonists



explorers

QUIZ



Directions: Write or say the answer.

- 1 Write one fact you know about American Indians.

- 2 Write one fact you know about the life of a colonial woman.



Directions: Circle the answer.

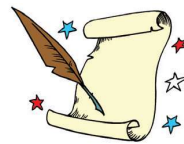
- 3 What did Thomas Jefferson write?



poem



newspaper



Declaration of Independence