**American Colonies**

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| **Colony** | **Region** | **Founder** | **Founded** | **Purpose** | **Note** |
| Roanoke | Southern | Sir Walter Raleigh | 1585 | Establish English colony in New World | Colonists disappeared without a trace. |
| Virginia | Southern | John Smith | 1607 | Trade and profits | Founded as joint-stock company. House of Burgesses (1619). Only 60 of 1st 900 colonists survived. |
| Plymouth | New England | William Bradford | 1620 | Religious freedom for Separatists | Mayflower Compact. Led by William Bradford |
| New York | Middle | Peter Minuit | 1626 | Trade and profits | Set up as Dutch colony, taken over by English in 1664 |
| Massachusetts Bay | New England | John Winthrop | 1630 | Religious freedom for Puritans | Led by John Winthrop. 18,000 settlers by 1642 |
| New Hampshire | New England | John Mason | 1630 | Escape for those constricted by religious and economic rules | Puritan harshness led these settlers north and inland. |  |
| Maryland | Middle | George Calvert | 1634 | Religious freedom for Catholics | Founded by George Calvert. Slow growing (only 600 by 1650. Maryland Toleration Act (1649)  |  |
| Connecticut | New England | Thomas Hooker | 1636 | Religious and economic freedom | Leaders of Massachusetts asked Hooker and followers to leave. |  |
| Rhode Island | New England | Roger Williams | 1636 | Religious freedom | Williams set up most tolerant colony |  |
| Delaware | Middle | Peter Minuit | 1638 | Trade and profits | Established by Sweden; taken by English in 1664 |  |
| North Carolina | Southern | Group of proprietors | 1653 | Trade and profits | Joint business venture |  |
| New Jersey | Middle | Lord Berkeley | 1660 | Trade and profits | Established by Sweden; taken by English in 1664  |  |
| South Carolina | Southern | Group of proprietors | 1670 | Trade and profits | Rice major crop. |  |
| Pennsylvania | Middle | William Penn | 1682 | Religious freedom for Quakers; trade and profits | Originally Quaker, this colony became home to many European immigrants |  |
| Georgia | Southern | James Oglethorpe | 1733 | Debtor colony. Buffer for Spanish colonies Restrictions on blacks,size of plantations kept colony small.  |  |  |