**The Founding of the**

**13 Original Colonies Web-Quest**

**Introduction**

Your expertise is needed immediately! We need you to report on the 13 original colonies. The information you provide will be used to teach others about colonial times. Through researching the colonization of America, you will discover the similarities and differences of the Southern, Middle and New England Colonies. For each region you will uncover the hardships that the settlers faced while creating a new life that was accepting of everyone. You will discover the challenges they faced territorial, differences and similarities, and religious factors.

**The Task**

The task is to identify and make discoveries of the 13 original colonies. You will uncover this information through research. Your final product will include:

* Identification of the 13 original colonies
* The founders of each colony and the year it was founded.
* Descriptions of why the colonies were founded.
* The geographical characteristics of each colony.
* The role of religious development in each colony.
* A comparison of the similarities and differences of the regions.

**The Process**

* The colonies will be divided into three regions.
* You must complete the Information Sheets below for each region.
  + The Southern Colonies
  + The Middle Colonies
  + The New England Colonies
* Using the information links below to answer the following questions. Record your responses on your answer sheets.

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13 COLONYANSWER SHEET

1. List the colonies in your region and who was the founder of the colony?

* + - [Founding the American Colonies](http://www.timepage.org/spl/13colony.html)
    - [Clickable Map of the 13 Colonies](http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/graphics/13mapnew.htm)
    - [13 Colonies Chart](http://home.earthlink.net/%7Egfeldmeth/colchart.html)

Southern Region

Middle Region

New England Region

2. Description of why these colonies were founded.

* + - [Social Studies for Kids](http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/13colonies2.htm)

Southern Region

Middle Region

New England Region

3. List three geographical characteristics of each colony.

* + - * + [Geography of the 50 States](http://www.netstate.com/state_geography.htm)
        + [Regions of the 13 Colonies](http://brt.uoregon.edu/cyberschool/history/ch04/regions.html)
    - [Southern Colonies/ Kids Info.](http://www.kidinfo.com/American_History/Colonization_S_Colonies.html)
      * + [Middle Colonies/ Kids Info.](http://www.kidinfo.com/American_History/Colonization_Mid_Colonies.html)
        + [New England Colonies/Kids Info](http://www.kidinfo.com/American_History/Colonization_NE_Colonies.html)
        + [Colonial Regions](http://brt.uoregon.edu/cyberschool/history/ch04/regions.html)
        + [Additional Information on the 13 Colonies](http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/00_01/CA/13c.htm)

Southern Region

Middle Region

New England Region

4. What role did religion play in the development of each region?

* + - [Religion in the colonies](http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/13colonieschurch.htm)
    - [Life in the 13 Colonies](http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/13colonies1.htm)

Southern Region

Middle Region

New England Region

5. How did the colonists deal with illnesses?

* [Apothecary](http://www.history.org/history/teaching/apoth.cfm)

Southern Region

Middle Region

New England Region