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# Reading for Understanding

## ▶ Key Ideas

### BEFORE, YOU LEARNED

The first permanent English colony in North America was founded in Virginia.

### NOW YOU WILL LEARN

New Southern colonies were settled by fortune-seekers, religious refugees, enslaved Africans, and the poor.

## ▶ Vocabulary

### TERMS & NAMES

**Lord Baltimore** Catholic owner of the colony of Maryland

**Margaret Brent** attorney of the governor of Maryland

**Act of Toleration** Maryland law that forbade religious persecution

**Huguenots** French Protestants

**James Oglethorpe** the founder of Georgia

### BACKGROUND VOCABULARY

**proprietary colony** colony governed by a single owner, or proprietor

**elite** highest-ranking social group



**Visual Vocabulary**  
statue of James Oglethorpe

**diversity** variety

**region** distinct area of land

**Tidewater** flat land along the coast

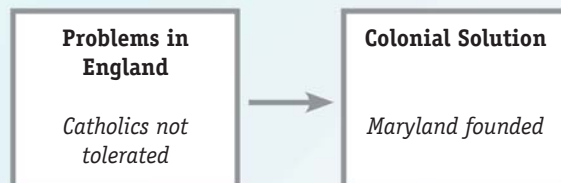
## ▶ Reading Strategy

Re-create the diagram shown at right. As you read and respond to the **KEY QUESTIONS**, use the boxes to show how each colony was founded because of social or political problems in England.



See Skillbuilder Handbook, page R9.

### PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS



### GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS

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