

Separated by great distances, distinct colonial cultures developed. But despite differences in climate, religion, and social organization, the colonies had much in common.



Many colonies were born of political events in England. The chart below shows how conditions in England affected the settlement of America.

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CONDITIONS/EVENTS IN ENGLAND		COLONIAL RESULT
1600s	Merchants desire wealth-creating colonies; English people seek prosperity. Effect	Jamestown, Virginia, founded 1607.
1620s	James I threatens Separatists. 1625 James dies. Charles I becomes king. Effect	Separatists flee England. Plymouth founded 1620 (later joins Massachusetts).
1630s	 <p>Puritans persecuted.</p> <p>Catholics not tolerated.</p>	<p>Puritans flee England in "The Great Migration"</p> <p>1630 Massachusetts Bay Colony</p> <p>1633–1636 Connecticut settled.</p> <p>1636 Rhode Island settled.</p> <p>1638 Puritans from Massachusetts move into New Hampshire and Maine.</p> <p>1634 Maryland settled.</p>
1640s	1642 English Civil War begins. 1649 Charles I beheaded. Effect	Immigration stops. Some Puritans return to England to fight the king and Royalists.
1650s	Puritans control England. Effect	Royalists flee England and settle in Southern and Middle Colonies.
1660s	<p>Puritan rule ends. Charles II becomes king and rewards supporters.</p> 	1664 New Netherland seized and renamed New York. New Jersey founded.
1670s		1670 Settlers from Barbados arrive in what would become South Carolina.
1680s	Charles II grants land to William Penn. 1685 James II becomes king. Effect	Quakers' migration 1681 Pennsylvania founded.
1690s		1691 North Carolina established.
1700s		1701 Delaware granted its own assembly.
1730s	In England, concern grows over the fate of the poor. Effect	1733 Georgia settled.

CRITICAL THINKING Causes and Effects Which colonies were settled as a result of religious conflict in England?