

The colonies were not only connected through their relationship with England. The early colonists shared the same experiences and concerns.



CONNECT to the Essential Question

How did the experience of the early colonists shape America's political and social ideals?

Colonists Left Their Homelands

in order to create a new kind of society.

to escape being persecuted by a more powerful religious group.

in order to improve their lives or to make a fresh start.



In America, Colonists

struggled with issues of religious tolerance.

established representative government and respect for English law.

encountered people from different ethnic backgrounds and faiths.

CRITICAL THINKING

Make Inferences Which experiences helped the colonists value tolerance?

As more immigrants arrived, religious and ethnic diversity increased. Meanwhile, representative assemblies grew stronger and more confident. By the early 18th century, these trends were creating societies that valued religious liberty, freedom of conscience, and representative government.

 **DRAW CONCLUSIONS** Explain why toleration grew in the Middle Colonies.



Section Assessment



ONLINE QUIZ

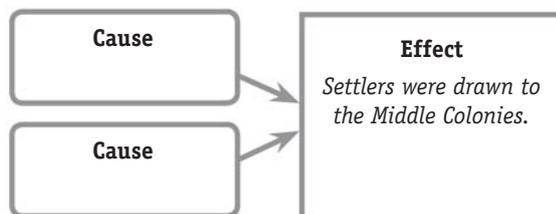
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TERMS & NAMES

1. Explain the importance of
 - New Netherland
 - William Penn
 - Peter Stuyvesant

USING YOUR READING NOTES

2. **Analyze Causes and Effects** Complete the chart you started at the beginning of this section.



KEY IDEAS

3. Why did colonists settle in the Middle Colonies?
4. What were the goals of the patroon system?

CRITICAL THINKING

5. **Causes and Effects** Why did the English seize the Dutch colony of New Netherland?
6. **Connect to Today** Many modern nations are torn by religious and ethnic strife. What values and ideals helped America move beyond such conflicts?
7. **Math** Research the population of New England, the Southern Colonies and the Middle Colonies in 1700. Then create a graph to compare the population of the three regions.