



# 13 COLONIES

## Vocabulary Words

### Week 1



1. **buffer** An area of land that serves as a barrier
2. **borderlands** Areas of land on or near the borders of two adjoining countries, colonies, or regions
3. **presidio** A fort
4. **permanent** Long-lasting
5. **scarce** Not plentiful
6. **hacienda** A large estate
7. **self-sufficient** Self-supporting
8. **mission** A small religious community
9. **royal colony** A colony controlled by a king or queen
10. **portage** The carrying of canoes and supplies around waterfalls and rapids or overland between rivers
11. **tributary** A river or stream that feeds a large river
12. **proprietary colony** A colony that was owned and ruled by one person who was chosen by a king or queen
13. **proprietor** An owner



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### Week 2



- 1. charter** A document giving a person or group official approval to take a certain action
- 2. cash crop** A crop that people raise to sell rather than use themselves
- 3. refuge** A safe place
- 4. Puritan** A member of the Church of England who settled in North America in order to follow Christian beliefs in a more “Pure” way
- 5. Fundamental Orders** The first written system of government in North America. It was adopted in Connecticut
- 6. immigrant** A person who comes to live in a country from his or her own country
- 7. indigo** A plant from which blue dye is made
- 8. debtor** A person who had been in prison for owing money
- 9. town meeting** An assembly in the New England colonies in which male landowners could take part in government
- 10. common** An open area where sheep and cattle graze
- 11. militia** A volunteer army
- 12. farm produce** Grain, fruits, and vegetables that farmers trade for goods and services or sell for money
- 13. import** A good brought into one country from another, to be sold



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### Week 3



1. **Conestoga** A large covered wagon used by farmers to carry their produce to market towns
2. **county seat** The main town for a large part of a colony. Today, it is the city where a county government is located
3. **county** A large part of a colony. Today, it is part of a state. A county has its own local government
4. **export** A good sent from one country to another to be sold
5. **triangular trade route** A shipping route that included Britain, the British colonies, and Africa
6. **apprentice** A person who learns a trade by living with the family of a skilled worker and working for several years
7. **broker** A person who is paid to buy and sell for someone else
8. **indentured servant** A person who agrees to work for another person without pay for a certain length of time in return for travel expenses
9. **auction** A public sale
10. **back country** An area beyond settled lands
11. **fall line** A location where the land drops sharply, causing rivers to form waterfalls
12. **loft** The part of a house between the ceiling and roof