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Assignment Discovery: American History Colonial America

Directions: Watch the video concerning the development of the thirteen original English colonies, then answer the questions provided below.

Part I: American Roots

1. When did the first peoples come to North America? How did these people get to the North American Continent?
2. What THREE (3) European ideologies helped to develop a new way of thinking about the role of government in the New World?
3. What was the House of Burgesses as found in Virginia?
4. Why was the Mayflower Compact signed in 1620?
5. How did people such as the Puritans in New England earn money?
6. What were the largest cities in the Middle Colonies by the early 1700s? What helped to contribute to their large population?

Section Summary Wrap-up

How did Renaissance ideas influence the creation of the American government?

How did religion influence the formation of colonies in the Americas?

Part II The Settlement at Jamestown

7. What was the agreement that English captain John Smith, and Native American Chief Powhatan?
8. What eventually happened to Smith, which required him to step down as colonial president?
9. What was the “starving time” What happened to the settlers during this time?
10. On July 30th 1619 the first assembly meeting of the House of Burgesses met. What was the purpose of this meeting?

Part III: Colonial Life

11. What roles did women play in the early American colonies?

12. What roles did men play in the early American colonies?
13. What THREE (3) social groups were found within American colonial society?
14. Describe the steps of the Triangular Trade system?

Section Summary Wrap-up

Could Jamestown have survived without John Smith's leadership?

What were the advantages and disadvantages of living in a small colony?

Part IV: The Salem Witch Trials

15. What do *modern* scientist believe could be the reason for the teenage girl outbreak of witchcraft?
16. Who was Rebecca Nurse? What happened to her following her public accusation?
17. Why was the Nurse family servant Tituba so easy to accuse of witchcraft?
18. How did religion override governing justice during the Salem Witch Trials?
19. How did the nearby Wabanaki Indian Wars play into the stories of the Salem Witch Trials?
20. Who was Reverend George Burrows? Why was he sentenced to death during the Salem Witch Trials?
21. What are some of the past theories about the Salem Witch Trial participants? What do these theories say about the generations of historians and critics studying the Salem Witch Trials?