

## Founding of the 13 Colonies

Colony	Date	Region	Founded By	Reasons	Importance
Jamestown	1607	Southern	Virginia Company	Trade & Farming	Established self-government under VA House of Burgesses
Virginia	1624	Southern	Becomes royal colony under James I	Trade & Farming	Continues House of Burgesses
Maryland	1632	Southern	Land grant from Charles I to Lord Baltimore; first proprietary colony	Religious & political freedom	Roman Catholics; elected assemblies; Act of Toleration
The Carolinas	1663	Southern	Land Grant from Charles II to 8 proprietors	Trade, farming, religious freedom	Rice & Indigo cultivation; need for large numbers of laborers = African enslavement
North Carolina	1712				
South Carolina	1729	Southern	Proprietors sold their rights to the King; became royal colonies	Trade, farming, religious freedom	Establishes representative assemblies
Georgia	1732	Southern	James Oglethorpe, proprietary colony	Have for debtors; buffer against Spanish Florida	Originally southern part of SC; initially only small farms & no slavery; grows slowly & Oglethorpe allows slavery & plantations
New Netherlands	1624	Middle	Dutch under Peter Minuit	Trade, religious freedom	Diverse population
New York	1664		Royal charter from Charles II to his brother, James, Duke of York	Takes valuable trade and land from rivals	
Delaware	1638	Middle	Swedish settlers	Trade	
	1664		Seized by English	Take land from rival	
	1682		Land grant to William Penn, proprietary colony	Known as lower countries	Provides Pennsylvania with coastline