

## COLONIAL LIFE

People came to this New World for many reasons: religious freedom, political freedom, adventure, hope of land and money. They came to a land that was hard to live in. They had to clear the land, build houses, plant crops, protect themselves from illness, make meals, fix things that broke, learn a whole new way of life. The map above shows the 13 original colonies.

### Key Dates:

1607: Jamestown, the first permanent settlement was built in 1607.

1620: Pilgrims landed at Plymouth

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- **Apothecary:** a place to get medicine
- **Gristmill:** a place to grind grain into flour
- **Meetinghouse:** a place for meetings and church services. It was usually at the center of town.
- **Grammar School:** if a town had 100 or more families, it could have a grammar school. Children learned from the **Hornbook**. It was a piece of paper put on a thin piece of wood.
- **Blacksmith:** a person who worked with iron

## A Colonial Family:



- **Women:** Women often had only one outfit for the week and one to wear on Sunday. They get together to work on quilts.



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## Life in the Southern Colonies:

The South had huge **plantations**. A plantation is a large piece of land that has buildings on it. The workers were mainly **slaves**. These slaves were brought over from Africa and made to work on the plantations. Tobacco and cotton were the two main crops in the South.



## Try This!

Draw lines to connect the activity with either boy or girl. Some things could go to both.

woodworking

hunting

sewing

grammar school

scotch-hopping

cooking

quilting

fishi

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toba

sm

cott

BOYS

GIRLS



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