

COLONIZATION

What are Colonists?

People who leave their countries and live in a colony are called **colonists**. A **colony** is a settlement governed by another country.

Why Colonize?

Europeans established colonies in the New World in the 1500's and 1600's for many different reasons:

- The **Spanish** were searching for wealth for their country and converts to their religion.



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- The **English** were searching for religious freedom.



People from other nations were looking for:

- a fresh start in life
- better land for farming



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- New England landowners participated in their own government in **town meetings**.

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