



American Stories (Brands/Breen/Williams/Gross) Chapter 2 England's New World Experiments, 1607-1732

2.1 Multiple-Choice Questions

- 1) English settlers in seventeenth-century America could be characterized best in terms of their
 - A) striking social diversity.
 - B) similarity to French and Spanish migrants of the same period.
 - C) unity of purpose and motivation.
 - D) desire to help each other.
 - E) homogeneity.

Answer: A

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2) Which one of the following was NOT a factor that stimulated English migration to the New World?

- A) religious disagreements in England
- B) poverty or the fear of falling into poverty
- C) a desire for land ownership
- D) government laws that forced the migration of the poorer classes
- E) rapid population growth

Answer: D

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3) Upon arriving in the New World, English settlers

- A) quickly abandoned English beliefs and values.
- B) generally adapted old beliefs to the new environment.
- C) rarely were forced to significantly change their old English ways.
- D) usually adopted the customs of the local Indian tribes as a way to survive.
- E) immediately focused on converting the Native Americans.

Answer: B

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- 4) To resolve the problem of the vast expenses New World settlement required, English merchant-capitalists introduced the concept of
 - A) proprietorship.
 - B) primogeniture.
 - C) the joint-stock company.
 - D) feudalism.

E) mercantilism.

Answer: C

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5) The joint-stock company

- A) required large capital investment.
- B) promised immense wealth to investors.
- C) encouraged investment in colonial enterprises, with "limited liability" for the investors.
- D) was not required to obtain a royal charter.
- E) proved to be a failure in providing capital for colonization.

Answer: C

6) The _____ Company was responsible for the settlement of Jamestown in Virginia.

A) New England

B) Royal AfricanC) Virginia

D) American

E) New World

Answer: C

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7) In which one of the following were religious reasons the least important in explaining the founding of that colony?

A) MassachusettsB) Rhode Island

C) Maryland

D) Virginia

E) Pennsylvania

Answer: D

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8) The selection of a site for Jamestown was primarily based on the settlers'

A) fear of surprise attacks.

B) desire for a healthful place to live.

C) belief that friendly Indians lived nearby.

D) need for close proximity to the open ocean.

E) fear of diseases in the swamps.

Answer: A

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9) Jamestown might have gone the way of Roanoke had it not been for the perseverance of

A) John Winthrop.

B) Captain John Smith.

C) Pocahontas.

D) Richard Hakluyt.

E) Cotton Mather.

Answer: B

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10) The first three years of Jamestown's history witnessed

A) terrible hardship and suffering.

B) the discovery of gold and silver.

C) successful attempts at growing many profitable crops.

D) the establishment of a representative form of government.

E) the erection of the first Christian church in North America.

Answer: A

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11) Jamestown's prosperity was ensured by

A) the discovery of gold.

B) the development of fur trading.

C) royal financial support.

D) tobacco cultivation.

E) potato cultivation.

Answer: D

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12) The man who taught Virginians how to grow tobacco was

A) Captain John Smith.

B) Powhatan.

C) John Rolfe.

D) Sir Edwin Sandys.

E) the Duke of Marlboro.

Answer: C

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13) The attitude of King James I toward tobacco

A) demonstrated his concern for the health of his people.

B) showed that, in the end, he valued revenue more than good health.

C) changed very little during the course of his reign.

D) was strongly influenced by his own habit of smoking.

E) was influenced by its religious usage.

Answer: B

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14) Under the "headright" system in Virginia,

A) every adult male could vote.

B) every child was guaranteed a primary education.

C) all new arrivals who had paid their trans-Atlantic fares received 50-acre land grants.

D) new immigrants were guaranteed a year's provisions.

E) every new settler was entitled to one slave.

Answer: C

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15) After 1618, the Virginia Company's principal means of attracting new settlers was

A) the granting of religious freedom.

B) liberal suffrage requirements.

C) a system of land grants.

D) payment of passage by the company.

E) impressment.

Answer: C

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16) Indentured servants

A) were working off the cost of their passage to America.

B) all served the same number of years regardless of age or experience.

C) had no more legal rights than slaves.

D) received grants of land when their terms were up.

E) usually lived long enough to complete their terms of service.

Answer: A

17) Those who migrated to the Chesapeake Bay area as indentured servants were

A) usually from the dregs of English society.

B) English farmers who saw a better future in the New World.

C) normally single, lower-class males in their teens or early twenties.

D) married individuals who came with their families.

E) generally convicted criminals who traded jail time in England for indentures.

Answer: C

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18) In which one of the following colonies was the death rate for the early colonists the most severe?

A) Massachusetts

B) New York

C) Rhode Island

D) Virginia

E) Pennsylvania

Answer: D

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19) In 1622, the Native American tribes of Virginia

A) attacked the English settlements.

B) formed an alliance with the Native American tribes of New England.

C) established permanently good relations with the English settlers.

D) learned from the English settlers how to grow tobacco.

E) migrated westward to avoid future contact with settlers.

Answer: A

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20) In 1624, Virginia became

A) an independent commonwealth.

B) a proprietary colony.

C) a royal colony.

D) part of Maryland.

E) the primary destination for female settlers.

Answer: C

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21) The individual largely responsible for Maryland's settlement was

A) Sir George Calvert.

B) William Penn.

C) Sir Edwin Penn.

D) Richard Hakluyt.

E) Sir Walter Ralegh.

Answer: A

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22) Initially, Lord Baltimore intended that Maryland be a haven for

A) Quakers.

B) Puritans.

C) Catholics.

D) Baptists.

E) Separatists.

Answer: C

23) Lord Baltimore's settlement in Maryland

- A) became a successful feudal outpost in America.
- B) declared war on Virginia in 1639.
- C) never succeeded in becoming a feudal society.
- D) became a haven for persecuted Protestants.
- E) was a total failure.

Answer: C

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24) Unlike their southern counterparts, the first Englishmen who established colonies in New England were

- A) in search of land and riches.
- B) religious refugees.
- C) Catholic missionaries.
- D) wealthy aristocrats, hoping to establish a feudal system in America.
- E) commercial traders.
- Answer: B

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25) The Pilgrims, who left Holland to settle in America,

- A) were non-Separatists.
- B) did so because they believed that their way of life was being undermined by the ways of their Dutch hosts.
- C) had few alternatives because they were being harassed by the Dutch government.
- D) arrived in Virginia, even though their destination was Massachusetts Bay.
- E) were Catholic radicals.
- Answer: B
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- 26) The document in which the Pilgrims established a civil government for their Plymouth colony has become known as the
 - A) Bill of Rights.
 - B) Mayflower Compact.
 - C) Statement of Principles.
 - D) Cambridge Agreement.
 - E) Plymouth Agreement.

Answer: B

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27) Seventeenth-century English Puritans

- A) were only a tiny minority of all Englishmen.
- B) were individuals committed to significant institutional change.
- C) were firmly supportive of the status quo.
- D) accepted the tenets of Catholicism with only a few reservations.
- E) were neurotic and self-righteous.

Answer: B

28) King Charles I disbanded Parliament in 1629 because he could not deal with intense criticism from the

- A) Puritans.
- B) Baptists.
- C) Catholics.
- D) Anglicans.
- E) Presbyterians.
- Answer: A
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29) The Puritans of Massachusetts Bay believed that the best way to reform the Church of England was to

A) separate from it and reform it from the outside.

- B) rely on help from the English monarchy.
- C) remain in the Church and reform it from the inside.

D) refuse to associate with it in any way.

E) actively work to destroy the tenets with which they disagreed.

Answer: C

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30) In 1636, authorities in Massachusetts Bay banished Roger Williams because of

A) his conversion to Roman Catholicism.

B) his bitter hostility toward the Native Americans.

- C) his defense of Native American rights and his demand for separation of church and state.
- D) his desire to launch a new colony in Connecticut.

E) his crass pursuit of profit.

Answer: C

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31) Puritan dissenter Roger Williams established the colony of

A) New York.

- B) Connecticut.
- C) Rhode Island.
- D) Maryland.
- E) New Jersey.

Answer: C

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32) Anne Hutchinson's skillful self-defense at her trial before the magistrates of Massachusetts Bay was ruined by

- A) her affinity for the dictum of works.
- B) her claim of personal revelation.
- C) her reliance on the Scriptures.
- D) her rejection of free grace.
- E) the fact that she was female.

Answer: B

people.

A) Maryland

B) Connecticut

C) Pennsylvania

D) New York

E) Rhode Island

Answer: E Page Ref: 48

34) The English takeover of New Netherland (which was subsequently renamed New York)

A) had little immediate effect on the colony.

B) was followed by the expulsion of the Dutch.

C) led to the prompt creation of a legislature.

D) met with armed resistance by the Dutch.

E) sparked a war between the English and the Dutch.

Answer: A

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35) Seventeenth-century Quakers were known for their

A) aggressive and overbearing personalities.

B) belief in personal humility and pacifism.

C) concept of predestination.

D) unwillingness to seek the conversion of other individuals to their faith.

E) belief in the necessity of an educated clergy.

Answer: B

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36) The man most responsible for the survival of Carolina was

A) James Oglethorpe.

B) John Winthrop.

C) Captain John Smith.

D) William Penn.

E) Anthony Ashley Cooper.

Answer: E

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37) The colony of Pennsylvania was established as a religious sanctuary for

A) Puritans.

B) Catholics.

C) Baptists.

D) Quakers.

E) Presbyterians.

Answer: D

38) Large numbers of the first English settlers in the Carolinas came from

A) Ireland.
B) Barbados.
C) Rhode Island.
D) Jamaica.
E) the Virgin Islands.
Answer: B
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39) The main staple of the Carolina colonies' economy by the close of the seventeenth century was

A) rice.
B) cotton.
C) tobacco.
D) timber.
E) indigo.
Answer: A
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40) To its founding leaders, _____ would be a "City on a Hill."

A) Massachusetts
B) Rhode Island
C) Connecticut
D) Maryland
E) Pennsylvania
Answer: A
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2.2 True/False Questions

- The only real reason for the migration of thousands of English men and women to the New World was greed for material gain. Answer: FALSE *Page Ref:* 32
- 2) The lives of New Englanders differed considerably from those of their Chesapeake counterparts. Answer: TRUE *Page Ref:* 32

3) Had seventeenth century England not been prosperous and at peace with itself, it could not have populated its new colonies. Answer: FALSE

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4) From its very inception, the Jamestown colony was a success. Answer: FALSE Page Ref: 35-37

5) The Puritans were a highly neurotic religious group that condemned liquor and sex. Answer: FALSE *Page Ref:* 43

- 6) Colonial Massachusetts was wracked with chronic religious discord. Answer: FALSE *Page Ref:* 46
- 7) The Fundamental Orders were the blueprint for government in colonial Connecticut. Answer: TRUE *Page Ref: 48*
- Because of New York's ethnic diversity, the English cautiously asserted their hegemony over the area. Answer: TRUE Page Ref: 50-51
- 9) William Penn went to great lengths to make Pennsylvania into an efficient and prosperous colony. Answer: TRUE Page Ref: 53
- 10) Many of the first Carolina settlers came there from Barbados. Answer: TRUE Page Ref: 54
- 2.3 Essay Questions
 - 1) What problems did early settlers in Virginia have to overcome? What factors attracted settlers to that area? *Page Ref:* 33-39
 - 2) How did religious differences influence the founding and development of the New England colonies? *Page Ref:* 42-49
 - 3) Analyze the dynamic between religious and economic motivations in the establishment and development of the English colonies in the seventeenth century? *Page Ref:* 31-57