

# Colonial America Scavenger Hunt Activity

**Materials:**

Colonial America questions worksheet (pages 2-3)  
18 Colonial America fact cards (pages 4-8)  
Tape and scissors

**Preparation:**

Print the fact cards on card stock or brightly-colored paper and cut them apart along the dotted lines.

Make copies of the Colonial America questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide the 18 Colonial America fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on chairs, on the computer keyboard, on the back of your classroom door, on the sides of student desks, on the chalkboard, or wherever you like.

**Activity:**

Students receive a copy of the question worksheet. They have to search the room and find all of the fact cards to answer the questions.

After they have completed the question sheet, you can go over the answers together with the class.

**Management tips:**

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have students work alone or with a classmate.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Students usually find the game more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- the back of the classroom door
- laying flat on the bookshelf
- on the side of your computer monitor
- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.

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**Fact Card #1:** What was the name of the ship that the Pilgrims traveled on when they came to America in 1620?

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**Fact Card #2:** What was the name of the colony formed by Pilgrims in 1620?

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**Fact Card #3:** Georgia was named after which British king?

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**Fact Card #4:** What grades were taught in a one-room schoolhouse during colonial times?

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**Fact Card #5:** What is the full name of Rhode Island?

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**Fact Card #6:** New York used to be a Dutch colony called...

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**Fact Card #7:** Today's U.S. state of Maine was once part of...

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**Fact Card #8:** What does the word Pennsylvania mean?

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**Fact Card #9:** Name the four New England Colonies.

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**Fact Card #11:** Name the five Southern Colonies.

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**Fact Card #12:** Name three crops that were grown on southern plantations.

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**Fact Card #13:** Slaves in colonial America were people who were kidnapped from...

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**Fact Card #14:** What famous colonial American was an author, publisher, politician, scientist, and inventor?

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**Fact Card #15:** What was a cooper's job?

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**Fact Card #16:** Someone who made wagons and wheels was a...

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**Fact Card #17:** Name three things colonial Americans made from corn.

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**Fact Card #18:** What famous document was signed in 1776, marking the end of colonial America?

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Fact Card #1

In 1620, Pilgrims came to America aboard a ship called the Mayflower. They came for religious freedom.

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Fact Card #2

When the Pilgrims came to America in 1620, they formed a settlement called Plymouth Colony.

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Fact Card #3

Georgia was named after King George II of England.

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Fact Card #4

In colonial times, many children attended school in small, one-room schoolhouses. Children in 1st through 8th grades would all be in the same classroom learning together.

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Fact Card #5

The colony (now state) of Rhode Island actually has a longer name. The full name is *Rhode Island and Providence Plantations*.

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Fact Card #6

New York used to be a Dutch colony called New Amsterdam.

It was later named New York, after King Charles II's brother, the Duke of York.

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Fact Card #7

Today's U.S. state of Maine was once part of Massachusetts Bay colony.

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Fact Card #8

Pennsylvania was named after a man named William Penn. The word *Pennsylvania* means "Penn's Woods."

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Fact Card #9

The northern colonies (Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire) were known as *New England*.

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Fact Card #10

New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware were known as the *Middle Colonies*.

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Fact Card #11

Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia were known as the *Southern Colonies*.

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Fact Card #12

The Southern Colonies had many large farms, called plantations, which grew tobacco, cotton, and rice.

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Fact Card #13

Many African people were kidnapped and brought to the colonies. They were forced to work as slaves on small farms and large plantations.

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Fact Card #14

Benjamin Franklin lived in America during colonial times. He had many jobs, including author, publisher, politician, scientist, and inventor.

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Fact Card #15

People in Colonial America had many different jobs.

A cobbler made and repaired shoes. A tanner made saddles and leather clothing from animal skins. A cooper made large barrels from wood.

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Fact Card #16

A blacksmith was a person who made and repaired things made from iron. He made horseshoes, and farming tools.

A wheelwright made wagons and wheels.

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Fact Card #17

Native Americans taught the early colonists how to grow corn. The corn was used to make cornbread, corn pancakes, and corn pudding.

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Fact Card #18

Colonial America ended in the year 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed. When this document was signed, the United States of America was formed.

# ANSWER KEY

## **Colonial America Scavenger Hunt**

**Fact Card #1:** What was the name of the ship that the Pilgrims traveled on when they came to America in 1620?

**Mayflower**

**Fact Card #2:** What was the name of the colony formed by Pilgrims in 1620?

**Plymouth Colony**

**Fact Card #3:** Georgia was named after which British king?

**King George II**

**Fact Card #4:** What grades were taught in a one-room schoolhouse during colonial times?

**1st through 8th**

**Fact Card #5:** What is the full name of Rhode Island?

**Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**Fact Card #6:** New York used to be a Dutch colony called...

**New Amsterdam**

**Fact Card #7:** Today's U.S. state of Maine was once part of...

**Massachusetts Bay colony**

**Fact Card #8:** What does the word Pennsylvania mean?

**Penn's Woods (named for William Penn)**

**Fact Card #9:** Name the four New England Colonies.

**Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire**

# ANSWER KEY

## **Colonial America Scavenger Hunt**

**Fact Card #10:** Name the four Middle Colonies.

**New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware**

**Fact Card #11:** Name the five Southern Colonies.

**Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia**

**Fact Card #12:** Name three crops that were grown on southern plantations.

**tobacco, cotton, and corn**

**Fact Card #13:** Slaves in colonial America were people who were kidnapped from...

**Africa**

**Fact Card #14:** What famous colonial American was an author, publisher, politician, scientist, and inventor?

**Benjamin Franklin**

**Fact Card #15:** What was a cooper's job?

**He made wooden barrels.**

**Fact Card #16:** Someone who made wagons and wheels was a...

**wheelwright**

**Fact Card #17:** Name three things colonial Americans made from corn.

**cornbread, corn pudding, and corn pancakes**

**Fact Card #18:** What famous document was signed in 1776, marking the end of colonial America?

**the Declaration of Independence**