William Penn

* 1644-1718
* Founded Pennsylvania as a refuge for his fellow Quakers
* Penn advertised his colony widely in Europe and offered generous terms on land
* Guaranteed a representative assembly and full religious freedom
* Settlers flocked to Pennsylvania from all over Europe

The Separatists and Plymouth

* 1620
* Separatists were Puritans who believed the Church of England was beyond saving and felt that they must separate from it.
* One group of Separatists suffering government harassment fled to Holland, then to America
* Members of this group traveled on the Mayflower, they became known as the Pilgrims, a term used for voyagers seeking to fulfill a religious mission
* The Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England in September 1620 and landed in Provincetown Harbor settling in what became Plymouth Massachusetts
* Before landing in the New World, the **Pilgrims** formed the Mayflower Compact, which provided for a government guided by the majority.
* William Bradford (1590-1657) served as the Plymouth Colony’s first governor

Georgia

* 1732
* James Oglethorpe, an English philanthropist and soldier charted the colony
* Settlers included those who paid their own way to receive the best land grants
* Some settlers were financed by the colony’s board of trustees, including bands of prisoners form British Jails.
* After wars between the European empires began, the colony served as a buffer between South Carolina and Spanish-held Florida
* Elaborate and detailed regulations resulted in relatively little settlement

Jamestown, Virginia

* 1607
* Named for James I, Queen Elizabeth’s successor in England
* James I granted charters for charter colonies in the New World
* In 1607, the Virginia Company of London settled Jamestown, the first permanent English Settlement
* Swampy location and hostile reactions with Native Americans, John Smith’s harsh, charismatic leadership of the colony kept it from collapsing.
* 1619-African slaves arrived at Jamestown, becoming the first group of slaves to reach a British Settlement.

Delaware

* 1631
* Dutch patrons established the first settlement in Delaware
* The settlement was destroyed by native American attacks
* The Dutch West India Trading Company and Dutchmen, including Peter Minuit, began to trade and settle in Delaware during the mid-to-late 1630’s
* Between 1664 – 1674, Delaware switched between Dutch and English ownership, ending with English ownership in 1674

Massachusetts Bay COMPANY

* 1629
* Joint-stock company chartered by a group of Puritans escaping King James I
* Led by John Winthrop, who taught that the new colony should be a model Christian society
* These Puritans carefully orgfanized their venture and, upon arriving in Massachusetts, did not undergo the “starving time” that had often plagued other first year colonies.
* The government of Massachusetts developed to include a governor and a representative assembly

The Proprietors & Maryland

* 1630’s
* Proprietors owned colonies, with direct responsibility to the king
* Proprietors were supposed to provide opportunity for Royal Control and to decrease the practice of granting charters for charter colonies
* In practice, proprietary colonies turned out much like the charter colonies because settlers insisted on self-government
* 1632-George Calvert established Maryland as a refuge for English Catholics
* To protect the Catholic minority, Calvert’s son encouraged religious toleration and established a representative assembly.

The carolinas

* 1663
* King Charles II rewarded loyal noblemen with these lands after the twenty-year Puritan revolution in England
* In hopes of attracting settlers, the proprietors planned for a hierarchical society
* Experimented with silk manufacturing and with crops such a s rice and indigo; this proved unworkable & Carolinas grew slowly
* Large groups of colonists in the Carolinas came from the Barbados; the form of slavery that this group employed proved to be very harsh

Roger Williams & Rhode Island

* R.W. 1603-1683
* R.I. 1644
* Williams was a puritan preacher who fled Massachusetts after his views on religious observance became too extreme for the colonists
* Williams bought land from the Native Americans and founded Providence in 1636; it was soon populated by his many followers
* Rhode Island formed as a combination of Providence, Portsmouth, and other settlements that had sprung up in the area
* Through Roger Williams, the colony granted complete religious tolerance
* Tended to be populated by exiles & troublemakers & was sometimes called “Rogue’s Island”
* Suffered constant political turmoil

Connecticut

* 1662