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Settling the New World

Colonial America is the time period from 1607 to 1776. In 1607, the first English settlement (SET-uhl-muhnt) was founded. In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed. This made the colonies free from Great Britain.

There were 13 English colonies in the New World. These colonies were grouped into three regions. The colonies within each region had similarities that held them together.

Colonists arriving in)
the New World