**Settlement of the Thirteen English Colonies**

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| **Colony** | **Date** | **By Whom Founded** | **Reason for Settlement** |
| Virginia | 1607 | London Company | Gold and trade |
| Plymouth | 1620 | Pilgrims | Religious freedom for Separatists |
| Massachusetts Bay | 1630 | Puritans | Religious freedom for Puritans |
| Maryland | 1634 | Lord Baltimore | A refuge for Catholics |
| Rhode Island | 1636 | Roger Wiliams | Religious freedom for all |
| Connecticut | 1636 | Thomas Hooker | Better land, better opportunities |
| The Carolinas | 1663 | Eight nobles | Trade and farming |
| New York | Became English in 1664 | Given to Duke of York | To remove Dutch threat to English colonies |
| New Jersey | Became English in 1664 | Berkeley and Carteret | Trade and farming |
| Pennsylvania | 1681 | William Penn | Haven for Quakers |
| Delaware | Became English in 1682 | Became English under William Penn | To give Pennsylvania a coastline |
| New Hampshire | Given own charter in 1679 | John Mason | Farming and trade |
| Georgia | 1733 | James Oglethorpe | Refuge for debtors |

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| **Name of Act** | | | **Year** | | **What It Did** | |  |
| Navigation Acts | Series of acts begun in 1651 | | They restricted colonial trade to British ships: restricted most colonial trade to Britain. | |
| Molasses Act | 1733 | | It required colonists to pay duty on sugar and molasses purchased from other than British possessions; not enforced. | |
| Proclamation | 1763 | | It ordered settlers to withdraw temporarily from all lands west of Appalachian Mts.: reserved land for Indians. | |
| Sugar Act Currency Act | 1764 | | It placed duty on molasses, sugar, and other products imported from other than British possessions. It forbade colonies to issue paper money. | |
| Stamp Act | 1765 | | It levied taxes on licenses, diplomas, playing cards, newspapers, advertisements, and legal documents. | |
| Declaratory Act | 1766 | | It asserted that Parliament had the right to make laws affecting the colonies. | |
| Tea Act | 1773 | | It gave East India Company monopoly on sale of tea in America. | |
| Coercive  (Intolerable Acts) | 1774 | | They gave Britain greater control over the colonies through a series of laws. | |
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