

4th Grade Colonial Period Resources

New York State Learning Standards for Social Studies

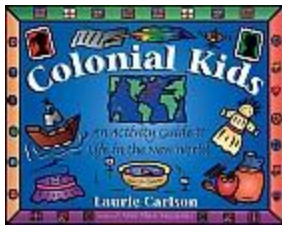
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- Dutch, English, and French influences in New York State
- Lifestyles in the colonies—comparisons during different time periods
- Different types of daily activities including social/cultural, political, economic, scientific/technological, or religious
- Ways that colonists depended on and modified their physical environments
- Colonial governments
- Colonial societies were organized to answer three fundamental economic questions: What goods and services do we produce? How do we produce them? For whom do we produce them?

Books:

Colonial Kids: An Activity Guide to Life in the New World by Laurie Carlson (1997)

Includes bibliographical references. Gives instructions for preparing foods, making clothes, and creating other items used by European settlers in America, thereby providing a description of the daily life of these colonists.



Guided Reading: O

142 Pages

Colonial Times 1600-1700 by Joy Masoff (2000)

Re-creates early American settlements by describing in words and pictures various aspects of the colonists' lives including work, food, clothing, shelter, religion, and relationships with Native Americans.

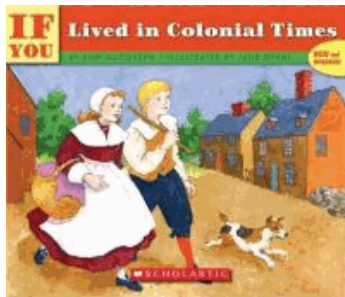


Guided Reading: T

48 Pages

If You Lived in Colonial Times by Ann McGovern (1992)

Through a question-and-answer format, the major aspects of everyday life in colonial America are seen through the eyes of children living in that period.

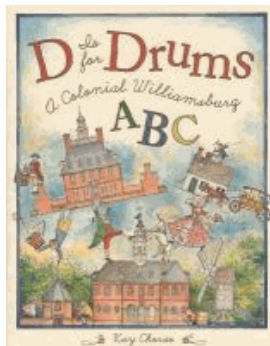


Guided Reading: Q

80 Pages

D is for Drums: A Colonial Williamsburg ABC by Kay Charao (2004)

This beautifully illustrated ABC book gives a lively alphabetical tour of Colonial America that is represented in Williamsburg, Virginia, and features a lengthy glossary of objects, costumes, toys, art, and more. Full color. Map on endpapers.

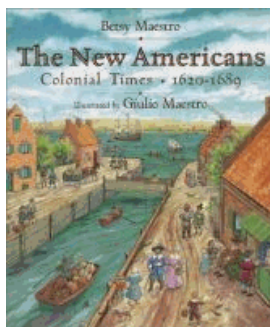


Guided Reading: N

32 Pages

The New Americans: Colonial Times 1620-1689 by Betsy Maestro (1996)

Traces the competition among the American Indians, French, English, Spanish, and Dutch for land, furs, timber, and other resources of North America.

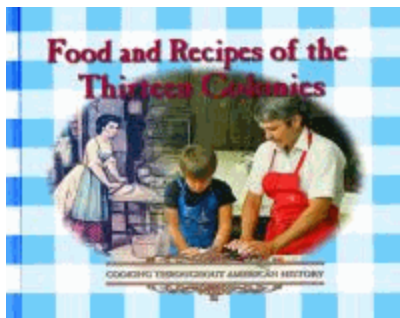


Guided Reading: S

48 Pages

Food and Recipes of the Thirteen Colonies by George Erdosh (1997)

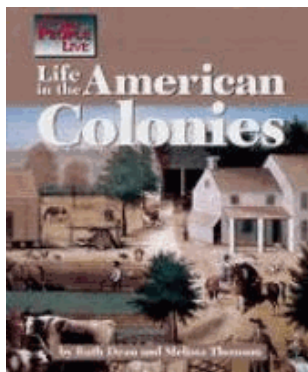
Describes some of the foods prepared in the various areas of what would become the United States during the colonial period. Includes recipes.



Guided Reading: R
24 Pages

Life in the American Colonies by Ruth Dean (1999)

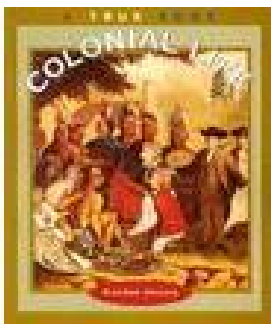
Discusses the day-to-day aspects of country and city life in the American colonies for a variety of people including members of different professions, specific immigrant groups, and slaves.



Guided Reading: n/a
96 Pages

Colonial Life: A True Book by Brendan January

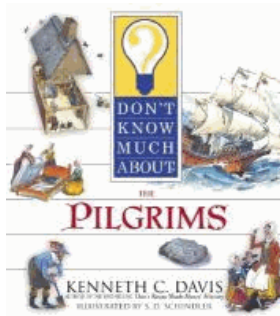
Learn about food, medicine, farming, and other aspects of daily life in colonial America in this fact-filled text that includes a glossary and an index.



Guided Reading: Q
47 Pages

Don't Know Much About the Pilgrims by Ken Davis (2002)

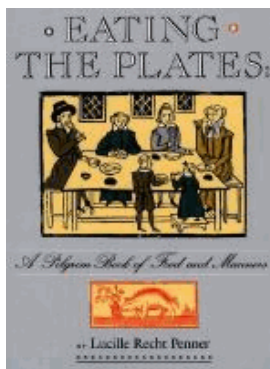
Questions and answers present information about who the Pilgrims were, how and why they came to America on the Mayflower, and what happened in the colony of New Plymouth.



Guided Reading: P
45 Pages

Eating the Plates: A Pilgrim's book of food and manners by Lucille Recht Penner (1991)

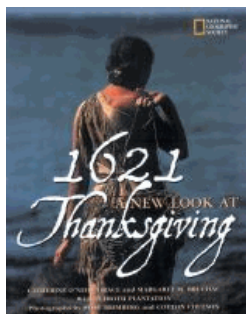
Discusses the eating habits, customs, and manners of the Pilgrims in the colony of New Plymouth.



Guided Reading: O
117 Pages

1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving by Catherine O'Neill Grace (2004)

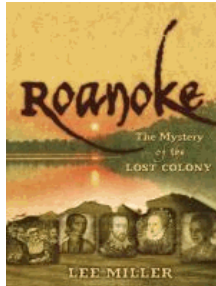
Includes bibliographical references (p. 47) and index. Draws on re-enactments, historical records, and oral legends to explore the events surrounding the first Thanksgiving celebration.



Guided Reading: Z
47 Pages

Roanoke: Mystery of the Lost Colony by Lee Miller (2007)

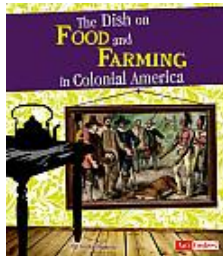
The lost colony of Roanoke is America's birthplace and one of America's oldest mysteries. What makes this book unique is that every clue furnished by primary documents is treated as evidence. It answers the three questions essential to solving the mystery: Why were the lost colonists lost? Where did the lost colonists go? Why were the lost colonists never recovered?



Guided Reading: T
112 Pages

The Dish on Food and Farming in Colonial America by Anika Fajardo (2012)

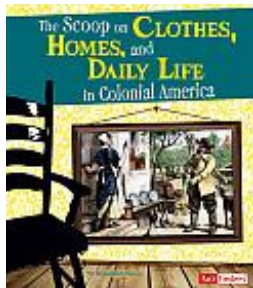
Includes bibliographical references (p. 31-32) and index. Describes food and farming practices in colonial America. Travel back to a time when: People believed vegetables made you sick. Slaves were forced to grow and harvest crops for masters.



Guided Reading: Q
32 Pages

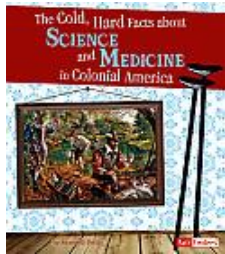
The Scoop on Clothes, Homes and Daily Life in Colonial America by Elizabeth Raum (2012)

Includes bibliographical references (p. 31) and index. Describes life in the American colonies, focusing on the colonists' clothing, homes, jobs, and other aspects of daily life. Travel back to a time when: All children wore dresses even boys. Chasing a pig was a form of entertainment.



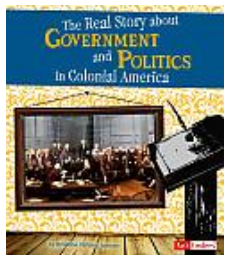
Guided Reading: R
32 Pages

The Cold Hard Facts about Science and Medicine in Colonial America by Elizabeth Raum (2012) Includes bibliographical references (p. 31-32) and index. Describes life in the American colonies, focusing on beliefs related to science and medicine. Travel back to a time when: No one knew what germs were or that they made you sick. People believed the moon had magical powers.



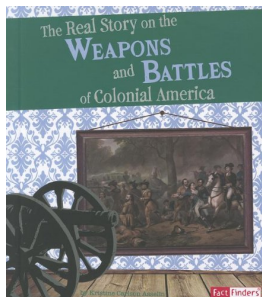
Guided Reading: S
32 Pages

The Real Story About Government and Politics in Colonial America by Kristine Carlson Asselin (2012) Includes bibliographical references (p. 31) and index. An introduction to the government and politics of colonial America that explains how laws were created and enforced, who ran the government, what Native American laws were like, and more. Travel back to a time when: A bad practical joke resulted in whippings. Laws that govern everyone are sent from a country far across the ocean.



Guided Reading: R
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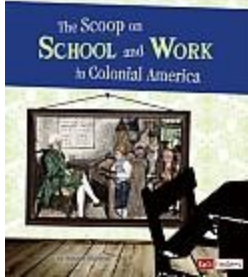
The Real Story on the Weapons and Battles in Colonial America by Kristine Carlson Asselin (2012) Includes bibliographical references (p. 31-32) and index. Describes various weapons and battles of the colonial period in America.



Guided Reading: S
32 Pages

The Scoop on School and Work in Colonial America by Bonnie Hinman (2012)

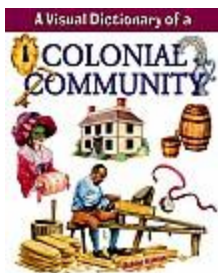
Includes bibliographical references (p. 31-32) and index. Describes various educational and work opportunities in colonial America. Travel back to a time when: Navigation was a common elementary school course. Doctors didn't need a college education.



Guided Reading: R
32 Pages

A Visual Dictionary of a Colonial Community by Bobbie Kalman

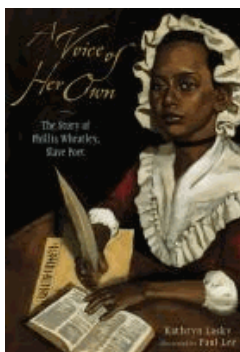
Includes index. A colorful, illustrated dictionary of colonial life that covers colonial houses, a plantation and its outbuildings, wood and metalworkers, shops and shopkeepers, and transportation.



Guided Reading: R
32 Pages

A Voice of Her Own: A Story of Phillis Wheatley, Slave Poet by Kathryn Lasky (2006)

A biography of an African girl brought to New England as a slave in 1761 who became famous on both sides of the Atlantic as the first Black poet in America. Colonial Period.



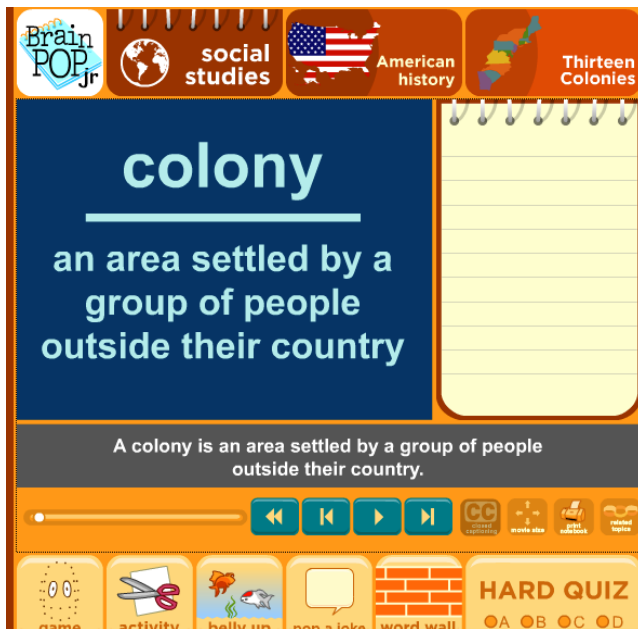
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40 Pages

Digital Resources

Databases: (To access these databases remotely, ask your librarian for your school's username and password.)

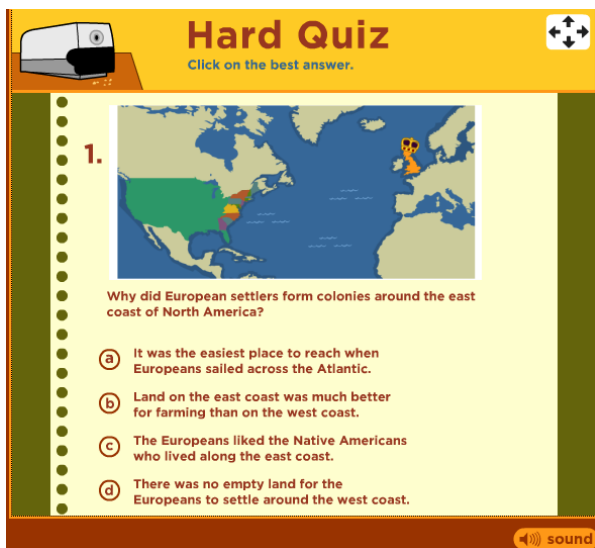
Brainpop Jr.: *Brainpop, Jr. is a database that provides a 3-6 minute video on informational topics followed by a comprehension quiz. The database includes activities and lesson plans as well. It is geared towards grades K-3, but can be used in 4th and 5th grades as well.*

This video offered by Brainpop Jr. that supports New York State Social Studies Standards on the Colonial Period for 4th Grade.



The screenshot shows the Brainpop Jr. video player interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'social studies', 'American history', and 'Thirteen Colonies'. The main content area features the word 'colony' in large blue letters, followed by the definition: 'an area settled by a group of people outside their country'. Below this is a yellow notepad icon. A progress bar and playback controls are visible. At the bottom, there are icons for 'game', 'activity', 'belly up', 'pop a joke', and 'word wall', along with a 'HARD QUIZ' button and radio button options for 'A', 'B', 'C', and 'D'.

Two different online quizzes are offered after each video to check for understanding. They are entitled "Easy" and "Hard" with 5 questions each.



The screenshot shows the 'Hard Quiz' interface. At the top, it says 'Hard Quiz' and 'Click on the best answer.' Below this is a map of North America with a red dot on the east coast. The question is: 'Why did European settlers form colonies around the east coast of North America?'. The options are:

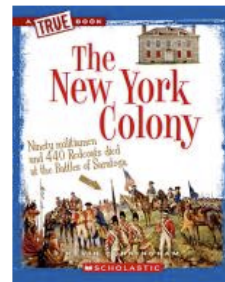
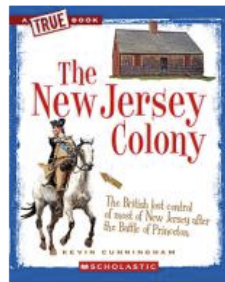
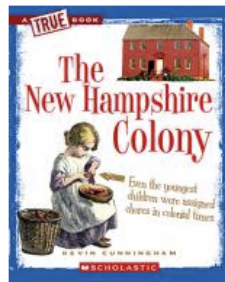
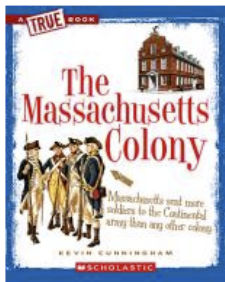
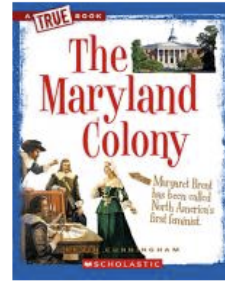
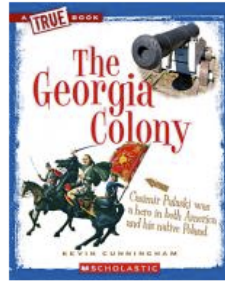
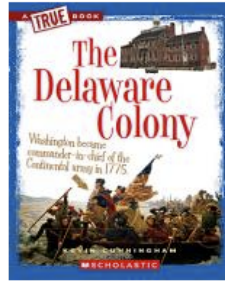
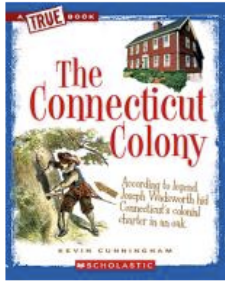
- a) It was the easiest place to reach when Europeans sailed across the Atlantic.
- b) Land on the east coast was much better for farming than on the west coast.
- c) The Europeans liked the Native Americans who lived along the east coast.
- d) There was no empty land for the Europeans to settle around the west coast.

At the bottom right, there is a 'sound' icon.

TrueFlix: Trueflix is a database that includes non-fiction electronic books. Within each selected book you will find a 3-6 minute informational video on the subject, and a list of recommended websites.

Trueflix contains a book for each of the original colonies. These titles support the New York State Social Studies Standards on the Colonial Period for 4th Grade. The books are 48 pages long, and include a “Read-Along” button which highlights each word as it is read aloud.

The Thirteen Colonies



Here is a sample page from *The New York Colony*:



Each subject in *Trueflix* has a part called “Show What You Know.” This is a ten question quiz that can be used to check understanding from the text.

Show What You Know

4. Which word best describes New York during the turn of the 18th century?



- rural
- unfriendly
- declining
- prosperous

SUBMIT

Trueflix also offers word match activity that can be done online. Word match gives a clue that can then be matched with a key word from the text. As you can see from the toolbar on the left, there are project ideas for the classroom, a list of other non-fiction resources on the same topic in “Explore More,” related websites that have been tested and recommended, and a 3-6 minute video in “Watch the Video.”



Start

Watch the Video

Read the Book

Explore More

Project Idea

Activity Center

- Show What You Know
- Word Match

Explore the Web

More
Space

Word Match

Read the clue below. Click on the word it matches.
Match all the words to uncover a picture.

CLUE: an agreement to work together for some result

legislature	militia	Loyalists
Iroquois	independence	alliance
constitution	boycott	Patriots

World Book Web:

The World Book Web is a suite of online research tools that includes encyclopedia articles, primary source collections, educator tools, student activities, pictures, audio, and video, complemented by current periodicals and related Web sites. Most all of these World Book Web research tools include options where text can be read aloud to the user. All Ithaca elementary school libraries currently subscribe to **World Book Kids**, **World Book Student**, **World Book Discover**, **World Book Timelines** and **World Book Classroom: Early World of Learning**. For specific training in how to use these amazing tools consult Worldbook's training website or ask your school's librarian. <http://www.worldbookonline.com/training/>

World Book Student has an article called "Colonial life in America" which aligns with New York State Social Studies Standards for 4th Grade. You can use this link to access the article on day and night: <http://www.worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar124100> OR you can simply type "colonial" in World Book Student and choose the first article. This article is very long and contains many subsections. It is excellent for research, and touches on nearly every aspect of the NYS Social Studies standards on the colonial period.

The screenshot shows the World Book Student interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home' and 'My Research' links, a search bar, and tabs for 'World Book Student', 'Media', and 'Advanced Search'. Below the navigation bar, the article title 'Colonial life in America' is displayed. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Article Contents' on the left, 'Tools' in the center, and 'Related Information' on the right. The 'Article Contents' section lists 'MAIN SECTIONS' including 'Introduction', 'Why the colonists came to America' (with sub-sections for 'Economic reasons', 'Religious and political reasons', and 'Before the arrival of the European settlers'), 'Early English settlements' (with sub-sections for 'Important dates in the early European settlement of North America', 'Jamestown', 'First permanent English settlement in America', and 'Plymouth Colony'), and 'Development of the Thirteen Colonies'. The 'Tools' section offers options like 'Print full article', 'Highlight search term in text', 'Double-click a word to define it.', 'View article by section', 'Save to My Research', 'Translate this text', 'E-mail article', 'Save article', and 'Hear text read aloud'. The 'Related Information' section includes 'for: Colonial life in America' with links to 'Encyclopedia Articles', 'Books to Read', 'Special Reports', and 'Web Sites', as well as 'Content Standards' information stating that the article aligns with New York Learning Standards.

For more information, see these other articles in *World Book Discover* by typing in the keyword in the search bar at the top:

For more information, see these articles:

[American Revolution](#)

[Colonial life in Spanish America](#)

[Colonies, Thirteen](#)

[Jamestown](#)

[Pilgrims](#)

[Plymouth Colony](#)

This is a “United States History” sorting game that is available in World Book Kids:

<http://www.worldbookonline.com/kids/games?id=gm210026>



Websites:

Colonial America For Kids

<http://www.landofthebrave.info/>

A comprehensive illustrated guide to Colonial America. Containing facts and information about the founding and establishment of the 13 Colonies and the struggles of the early colonists.

PBS Colonial House: Interactive History

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/colonialhouse/history/>

Includes eight fun activities and two quizzes. “Dress Me Up” allows users to guess what kind of clothing colonists wore. “Fantastic Voyage” allows users to take a voyage as the governor of a new colony embarking on a voyage across the Atlantic. There are video diaries of colonists to watch and listen, and panoramic views of colonial homes.

Colonial Williamsburg Kids

<http://www.williamsburgkids.com/>

This website includes descriptions of chores and manners children would be responsible for in colonial times. There is a glossary of colonial terms and sections on colonial places and things.

Have Fun With History

<http://www.havefunwithhistory.com/HistorySubjects/colonialAmerica.html>

A collection of short colonial period videos.

Liberty's Kids: Archive

<http://www.libertyskids.com/archive.html>

The Who, What and Where of the Colonial Period and American Revolution.

iPad apps:

13 Colonies: America During the Colonial Period - by Multieducator Inc

Cost: \$1.99

Each Colony entry includes a summary on the founding, an in depth chronicle of the history of that colony, a 1-3 minute video, a map and a primary source document.

Colonial Williamsburg's Explorer - by The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

Cost: Free

Visit 40 historic sites. Take a self-guided tour of the town by selecting the tours panel and choosing your own adventure.

Colonial Williamsburg Games - Hotch Potch - by The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

Cost: \$0.99

Hotch Potch is a card game that first appeared in 1782. Its purpose was to help 18th century boys and girls learn the alphabet.

London Town - by Historic London Town Partnership

Cost: Free

An interactive exploration into the lives of children who actually lived in colonial America. Includes interactive timelines, historical and thematic maps, image galleries and primary source materials and teaching guide.