The Thirteen American Colonies

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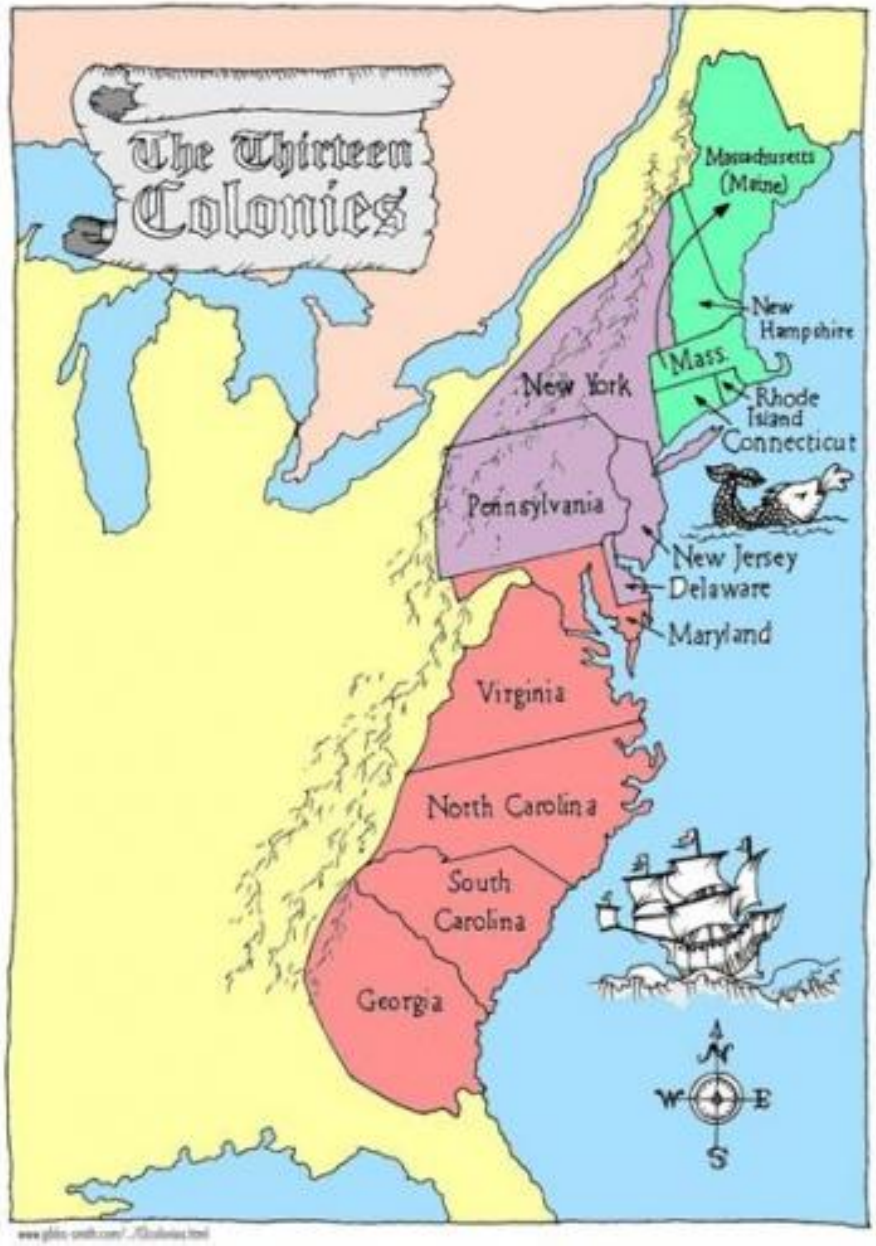
The **Thirteen Colonies** were a group of British colonies on the east coast of North America founded in the 17th and 18th centuries that declared independence in 1776 and formed the United States. The 13 colonies can be divided into three regions: New England, Middle, and Southern colonies. These colonies had very similar political, constitutional, and legal systems, and were dominated by Protestant English-speakers.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- **Virginia**
  Virginia was the First Colony to be established in Colonial America. The Virginia Colony was founded by John Smith and other colonists backed by the London Company, at Jamestown.
- **New York**
  New York was the Second Colony to be established in Colonial America. The New York Colony was classified as one of the Middle Colonies. It was founded by the Duke of York and other colonists on Manhattan Island.

- **Massachusetts**
  Massachusetts was the Third Colony to be established in Colonial America. It was founded by John Winthrop and other Puritans, at Massachusetts Bay.
- **Maryland**
  Maryland was the Fourth Colony to be established in Colonial America. The Maryland Colony was founded by George Calvert, Lord Baltimore and other colonists, at Baltimore.

- **Rhode Island**
  Rhode Island was the Fifth Colony to be established in Colonial America. The Rhode Island Colony was founded by Roger Williams and other colonists, such as Anne Hutchinson in Providence.
- **Connecticut**
  Connecticut was the Sixth Colony. It was founded by Thomas Hooker and other colonists, at Hartford.

- **New Hampshire**
  New Hampshire was the Seventh Colony to be established in Colonial America. It was founded by Captain John Mason and John Wheelwright and other colonists.
- **Delaware**
  Delaware was the Eighth Colony. The Delaware Colony was founded by Peter Minuit and New Sweden Company.

- **North Carolina**
  North Carolina was the Ninth Colony to be established in Colonial America. It was founded by the Virginia colonists.
- **South Carolina**
  South Carolina was the Tenth Colony. It was founded by eight British nobles with a Royal Charter from King Charles II.

- **New Jersey**
  New Jersey was the Eleventh Colony to be established in Colonial America. The New Jersey Colony was founded by Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret.
- **Pennsylvania**
  Pennsylvania was the Twelfth Colony. It was founded by the Quaker William Penn and other colonists.
- **Georgia**
  Georgia was the Thirteenth Colony. The Georgia Colony was founded by James Oglethorpe and other colonists.