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| **Colony** | **Founded** | **Founder** | **Religion** | **Gov’t** | **Original Purpose** | **Econ** | **Note** |
| Roanoke | 1585 | Sir Walter Raleigh |  |  | Establish English colony in New World |  | Colonists disappeared without a trace. |
| Virginia | 1607 | John Smith | Anglican | Royal | Trade and profits | Tobacco | Founded as joint-stock company. House of Burgesses (1619). Only 60 of 1st 900 colonists survived. |
| Plymouth | 1620 | William Bradford | Puritan | Corporate | Religious freedom for Separatists | Mixed farmiing | Mayflower Compact. Led by William Bradford |
| New York | 1626 | Peter Minuit | None | Proprietary, then royal | Trade and profits | Mixed farming, furs | Set up as Dutch colony, taken over by English in 1664 |
| Mass. Bay | 1630 | John Winthrop | Puritan | Corporate | Religious freedom for Puritans | Mixed farming, fishing, shipbuilding | Led by John Winthrop. 18,000 settlers by 1642 |
| New Hampshire | 1630 | John Mason | Puritan | Corporate, then royal | Escape for those constricted by religious and economic rules | Mixed farming | Puritan harshness led these settlers north and inland. |  |
| Maryland | 1634 | George Calvert | None (Anglican after 1692) | Proprietary | Religious freedom for Catholics | Tobacco | Founded by George Calvert. Slow growing (only 600 by 1650. Maryland Toleration Act (1649) |  | |
| Connecticut | 1636 | Thomas Hooker | Puritan | Corporate | Religious and economic freedom | Mixed farming | Leaders of Massachusetts asked Hooker and followers to leave. |  | |
| Rhode Island | 1636 | Roger Williams | None | Corporate | Religious freedom | Mixed farming | Williams set up most tolerant colony |  | |
| Delaware | 1638 | Peter Minuit | None | Proprietary | Trade and profits. |  | Established by Sweden; taken by Dutch, then English. |  | |
| North Carolina | 1653 | Group of proprietors | Anglican | Proprietary | Trade and profits | Rice | Joint business venture |  | |
| New Jersey | 1660 | Lord Berkeley | None | Proprietary | Trade and profits | Mixed farming | Established by Sweden; taken by English in 1664 |  | |
| South Carolina | 1670 | Group of proprietors | Anglican | Proprietary | Trade and profits | Rice | Rice major crop. |  | |
| Penn. | 1682 | William Penn | None | Proprietary | Religious freedom for Quakers; trade and profits | Wheat, mixed farming | Originally Quaker, this colony became home to many European immigrants |  |
| Georgia | 1733 | James Oglethorpe | Anglican | Royal | Debtor colony. | Rice | Buffer for Spanish colonies Originally outlawed slavery and restricted size of land grants to 500 acres. |  | |