

## US - History

Q How the Anglo American group came into existence in the seventeenth century and established its standards as paramount along Atlantic seaboard of North America?

### Introduction:

The Anglo-American or British came to the new continent in search of opportunities, religious liberties and to seek refuge. They colonized coastal lands such as Virginia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and others. The Northern colonies were more religious<sup>and</sup> non-fertile as compared to the Southern colonies.

## FORMATION OF COLONIES

### \* Southern Colonies

#### → Virginia

Virginia was colonized in 1607 by the London Stock Company. The reason for colonizing Virginia was in search of gold. Although, it is incident that Englishmen found gold or not in Virginia but they found Tobacco and started growing and trading it.

#### → Maryland

Maryland was colonized just before the civil war broke out in England. It was one of the most religiously tolerant colony where protestants and Catholics lived. Highly fertile land was utilized in the cultivation of tobacco.

## → Carolina

Carolina belonged to the Royal Nobles of Charles II. It was the most fertile land of the Southern colonies. Highly dependant upon the cultivation of rice. Later on this colony was divided between 2 Nobles of crown.

## → Georgia

British colonized Georgia and treated it as a buffer zone between British and Spanish colonies. Georgia was famous for its jails and remained under attack by Spanish and native indians.

## \* Middle Colonies

### → New York

New York was a home to mixed population of Dutch, English, French and Germans. Rich and Elite class was the resident of New York. Later on, Urban centers were built where important, historical decisions were taken.

### → New Jersey

New Jersey was a propriety colony of James allies which was later divided into two. New Jersey was religiously and ethnically diverse colony with weak governments.

### → Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania was a propriety colony of William Pen best known ally of James. His father had served the crown and was

promised reward which was later on received by William.

## Northern Colonies

### → Plymouth

Plymouth was a religious colony established without a charter by the separatists of England. There was no religious freedom for other religions. It established self-government under the 'Mayflower Compact'. Overall it was a poor colony which was later on merged into Massachusetts Bay.

### → The Massachusetts Bay

In 1628, Puritan formed a theocratic government in Massachusetts Bay. They obtained a charter from King Charles I. They formed a government with strict church laws. It was a wealthy government because of the church members who worked as statesmen.

### → Connecticut

Connecticut was formed by Thomas Hooker separated from the Massachusetts Bay. He made his own government and adopted the constitution 'Fundamental orders of Connecticut' according to which men were allowed to vote.

### → New Haven

New Haven was a colony near Connecticut where the government strictly followed bible rules. It was more

theocratic than Massachusetts Bay colony.

→ Rhode Island

A Charismatic individual from Massachusetts Bay colony who criticized their way of governance and was exiled in response established the colony of Rhode Island. He purchased the land and formed his own government where there was religious freedom.

→ New Hampshire

New Hampshire colony was also established in result of religious orthodoxy. John Wheelwright was the follower of Anne Hutchinson who was banished from her colony for challenging the church. Later on, John Wheelwright established New Hampshire colony.

### Conclusion:

The Anglo American group colonized the new continent bit by bit until the eighteenth century. They formed their own legislation, own governments and tried to separate themselves from the Crown which had a heavy price to pay.