When did people start settling Colonial America? the early 1600’s

What were some reasons England started colonies in the new world?

1. Economic opportunity (money) - *The Lost Colony of Roanoke & Jamestown were settled for this reason.*
2. religious freedom - *Pilgrims settled Plymouth for this reason*

What were the three colonial regions?

New England Colonies (My New Car Rocks)

* Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island
* Shipbuilding was an important industry; harbors were an important geographical resource.
* Large, dense forests and rapid moving rivers

Middle or Mid-Atlantic Colonies (People Dig New News)

* Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, New Jersey
* Flour Mills were an important industry; known as the “Breadbasket” colonies.
* Many people farmed and worked with steel and iron.

Southern Colonies (My Voice Never Stops Going)

* Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia
* Plantations (large farms); important crops - indigo, cotton, rice, & tobacco
* Depended on slaves to maintain cash crops

Types of People from Colonial Times

* ***Large Landowner*** - lived mainly in the Southern Colonies; relied on slave labor
* ***Artisans*** - worked as craftsmen in towns & plantations; learned their craft by first working as an apprentice
  + (An **apprentice** worked under a skilled artisan to learn how to do a job such as: a printer, silversmith, blacksmith, cooper, wig maker, etc.)
* ***Women*** - worked as homemakers & caretakers of the children, yet they could not vote and had few chances for education.
* ***Indentured Servants*** - men and women who did not have money to for passage to the colonies. They would make an agreement to work for a number of years without pay for the person who paid their passage.

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* ***Slaves* -** people who were captured from their native Africa and sold to slave traders. They were shipped to the colonies and sold into slavery. They were owned as property for life with no rights.
* ***Farmers*** - people who grew food for themselves on their own property.
* ***Native Americans*** - People who lived in the colonies before the Europeans settled.

Important Settlements

**Roanoke – (1587)**

* “The Lost Colony”
* Queen Elizabeth I sent Sir Walter Raleigh to find a place to settle. He found the area of Roanoke Island.
* John White was a leader of the settlement. As the colony began to run out of supplies, John White went back to England for supplies. He did not return for 3 years, and when he did, there was nothing left except for the letters “CROATAN” on a fence post.
* Roanoke was started for ***economic reasons*** (England wanted to expand its land).
* Located in North Carolina

**Jamestown – (1608)**

* started for ***economic reasons- GOLD***
* Named for King James, located in Virginia on the James River.
* John Smith was one of the leaders; Pocahontas (The daughter of chief Powhatan) saved his life. Smith’s had a law that said if you didn’t work, you didn’t eat.
* The London Company (The name of the group sent to start the colony).
* They shaped their settlement in a triangle for protection.

**Plymouth – (1620)**

* started for ***religious freedom,*** King Henry 8th was in charge of the Church or England
* Pilgrims came over on a ship called the Mayflower, a storm blew them off course.
* got help from Native Americans (Squanto) Wampanoag Tribe
* First Thanksgiving
* Mayflower Compact - an agreement made amongst the Pilgrims to keep order in the colony. They let the people vote on important decisions and the majority ruled.
* Located in Massachusetts