

Guided Reading



Life in the American Colonies

Lesson 3 *Culture and Society*

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How do new ideas change the way people live?

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Answering Questions As you read the section, answer the questions below.

1. Describing Describe the population growth of the thirteen colonies from 1700 to the mid-1770s.

2. Identifying What three groups helped create the population growth in the colonies?

3. Naming What was the epidemic that killed 15 percent of the population of the city of Boston in 1721?

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Listing The first column below identifies different types of people who lived in Colonial America. What were their roles in everyday life? Write two facts about each person in the second column.

| People in Colonial America | Roles in Everyday Life |
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| <p>4. a father</p> | <p>a.</p> <p>b.</p> |
| <p>5. a mother</p> | <p>a.</p> <p>b.</p> |
| <p>6. a young man</p> | <p>a.</p> <p>b.</p> |
| <p>7. a young woman or a widow</p> | <p>a.</p> <p>b.</p> |

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American Beliefs

Fill in the Blanks Refer to your textbook as you fill in the blanks with the words in the box.

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| Great Awakening | civic virtue | education |
| Jonathan Edwards | the Bible | Enlightenment |
| John Peter Zenger | literacy | private |
| emphasized | science | experimenting |
| freedom | | |

(1) _____ was valued by many people in the colonies. Colonists in New England and Pennsylvania wanted people to be able to study (2) _____. Because of this, the (3) _____ rate in New England was high. In the Middle Colonies, widows and unmarried women ran (4) _____ schools.

A return to a strong religious faith, called the

(5) _____, occurred in the 1730s and 1740s. (6) _____ and George Whitefield were preachers who helped spread the revival. Many new churches were formed. These churches (7) _____ personal faith rather than church ritual.

The (8) _____ was a movement in Europe that placed a great value on knowledge, reason, and (9) _____. People in the colonies developed an interest in nature and began (10) _____.

The case of (11) _____ brought the issue of (12) _____ of the press to the public's attention. Colonists began to value other freedoms. Democratic ideas, practices, and values, known as (13) _____, were put into action.