Grade 2 | HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

WEEK 3 • PRACTICE WORKBOOK • DAYS 11–15

Read the matching lesson in the Week 3 Student Textbook first. Write each answer on the line below its question. Day 15 is answered on your own.

Day 11: What Is a Colony?

Colony facts

Fact	Detail
Number of English colonies	13
Where they were	Along the Atlantic coast of North America
Who ruled them	England (later Great Britain)
Who already lived there	Many American Indian nations

1. How many English colonies were there?

   Answer:

2. Who already lived on the land before the colonists came?

   Answer:

3. Explain why the colonies were ruled by a country far across the ocean.

   Answer:

Day 12: Jamestown, 1607

Jamestown timeline

Year	Event
1607	English settlers arrive and build Jamestown
1610s	Colonists begin growing tobacco to sell
1619	Lawmakers chosen by colonists first meet in Virginia

1. In what year was Jamestown started?

   Answer:

2. What crop did the colonists grow to sell?

   Answer:

3. Give one reason English settlers came to Jamestown, and explain why it mattered to them.

   Answer:

Day 13: Plymouth, 1620

Comparing two settlements

	Jamestown	Plymouth
Year started	1607	1620
Where	Virginia	Massachusetts
A main reason	Gold and trade	Freedom to worship

1. Which settlement was started first?

   Answer:

2. How many years apart were the two settlements started?

   Answer:

3. Explain how the main reason for Plymouth was different from the main reason for Jamestown.

   Answer:

Day 14: Many Reasons to Come

Why people came

Person	Reason
A farmer from England	Wanted land to grow wheat
A merchant	Wanted to trade furs and earn money
A family	Wanted freedom to worship
A young worker	Wanted a new start and a job

1. Why did the merchant come?

   Answer:

2. Which person came for freedom to worship?

   Answer:

3. Explain why it matters to know that not everyone came to the colonies by choice.

   Answer:

Day 15: Independent Check: The Colonies

Letter from a colonist (written for this lesson)

Dear Sister, We have crossed the wide ocean and reached the colony at last. Father has been given land, and we will plant corn and beans this spring. Our family hopes that here we may meet to worship as we believe. I miss you, but I am glad we came. Your brother, Thomas.

Answer on your own. An adult may read the questions aloud but should not give the answers.

1. What will Thomas's family plant?

   Answer:

2. Name two reasons Thomas's family came to the colony.

   Answer:

3. Is Thomas's family more like the Jamestown settlers or the Plymouth settlers? Explain using the letter.

   Answer: