



Taking Notes Using a Graphic Organizer:
Inferring About the Importance of Religion in Colonial America

Religion in the Colonies

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During colonial times, people came from all over Europe to settle in America. They came for many reasons, but religious freedom brought many colonists to start new communities. These colonists felt that they could not practice their religion freely in their home countries and wanted the freedom to worship their god in their own way.

Some of the first colonists to move to America for this reason were the Pilgrims. They came from England and landed in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620. Soon more colonists came with the hopes to practice their religion freely. By the 1700s there were many different religions represented in the American colonies. America was on its way to becoming a diverse country with many religions. Today religious freedom remains important to Americans.