

## Life in the American Colonies News Story Assignment

You are a newspaper writer living in England. You have been given the job to travel to the American colonies and write a newspaper story about what life is like there. Many of your readers are thinking of traveling to the colonies.

Research the information on five of the topics listed below:

- \* Clothing
- \* Education
- \* Jobs
- \* Entertainment
- \* Religion
- \* Art
- \* Cooking
- \* Food
- \* Medicine

When you have completed researching colonial life. You will write a newspaper story detailing what you have learned. Your story will be six paragraphs long. (one paragraph per topic, plus an introduction.

After your news story answer the following questions:

1. Would you have enjoyed living in colonial times? Why or why not? (explain two reasons yes and two reasons no)
2. What was the most interesting thing you learned?
3. How has your life today affected because of the inventions or ideas from colonial times?

Resources to use while researching your topics.

Information for multiple categories

[http://www.kidinfo.com/american\\_history/colonization\\_colonial\\_life.html](http://www.kidinfo.com/american_history/colonization_colonial_life.html)

General

Colonial Life for Kids:

<http://library.thinkquest.org/J002611F/?tqskip1=1&tqtime=0306>

Colonial Williamsburg: <http://www.history.org/>

<http://www.history.org/foundation/journal/Christmas04/toys.cfm>

#### Clothing

Visual dictionary of fashion

[http://web.bryant.edu/~ehu/h364proj/sprg\\_98/powderly/powd\\_index.htm](http://web.bryant.edu/~ehu/h364proj/sprg_98/powderly/powd_index.htm)

#### Education

Discipline: <http://lincoln.midcoast.com/~wps/3ripley9899/discipline.htm>

Hornbook Information: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~mosmd/hornbk.htm>

Interesting Facs: <http://www.plimoth.org/Education/funfacts.htm>

#### Social Studies for Kids

<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/13coloniesschool.htm>

#### Trades

Farm life: <http://www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/perspectives/dailylife.html>

Leather: <http://www.regia.org/leatwork.htm>

Colonial Ocupations: <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~sam/occupation.html>

Woodworking: <http://www.replitiques.com/history.html#woodworking>

#### Colonial Trades

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/forestoakms/site%20pages/Academics/Social%20Studies/Colonisl%20Times/index.html>

## Entertainment

[http://www.ehow.com/about\\_4569303\\_entertainment-pennsylvania-during-colonial-times.html](http://www.ehow.com/about_4569303_entertainment-pennsylvania-during-colonial-times.html)

<http://www.helium.com/items/1505483-information-on-popular-board-games-and-pastimes-in-colonial-times>

## Religion

### Colonial religion

<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/13colonieschurch.htm>

<http://undergod.procon.org/view.resource.php?resourceID=69>

## Art

Paintings [http://www.worcesterart.org/Collection/Early\\_American/](http://www.worcesterart.org/Collection/Early_American/)

Soap Making: <http://www.alcasoft.com/soapfact/history.html>

## Food

Food: <http://www.apva.org/exhibit/eats.htm>

Food: <http://www.foodhistory.com/foodnotes/road/cwf1/>

Kitchen: <http://www.replitiqes.com/history.html#kitchen>

Food <http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/13coloniesfood.htm>

## Medicine

<http://www.ssdbergen.org/Colonial/medicine.htm>

<http://www.mnwelldir.org/docs/history/history01.htm>

General information: <http://www.pbs.org/ktca/liberty/chronicle/medicine.html>