

Reading and Social Studies

June 4th-11th

THE MIDDLE COLONIES

New York - New Jersey - Delaware - Pennsylvania

We will continue learning about the Thirteen Colonies focusing on the New England Colonies. There are two readings, *New England* and *Life in New England*. There will be a link to a PDF of these lessons on your teacher's website, as well as a copy in the packet.

- As you read, pay close attention to the **Main Ideas** on pages 188, 189, 196, and 197. They should guide your focus and thought as to what is important in the reading.
- There are three Vocabulary Words/Terms for the first lesson and five for the second lesson. Before you begin reading the lessons, look at the vocabulary words.
- In the composition notebooks we sent home, record the vocabulary using **Three Column Notes** as you come across them in the lesson. Write the words, the definition, and draw an illustration for each term. This is just like you did the last two weeks.

Three Column Notes Example:

Vocabulary Term	Definition	Illustration
growing season	the time of year when it's warm enough for plants to grow	

WRITING TASKS

- Now that you have finished reading the lessons, write a *short* paragraph explaining each of the four Main Ideas.

William Penn founded Pennsylvania and believed in tolerance and acceptance of different religions. He also believed that people from different countries and religions could live and work together in his colony. Watch the video on William Penn.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rwBpFcuoBQ>

You have four writing choices:

- William Penn advertised his colony in several European countries. Make a pamphlet persuading people to move to Pennsylvania. Include drawings, a map, and reasons why they should leave Europe and move to your new colony.
- Write an essay about how life in Pennsylvania differed from the Puritan way of life in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. (You can look back at pages 166-168 for a reminder of life in the New England Colonies.)
- Write an essay comparing "City Life" to "Country Life" in the Middle Colonies. How are the jobs and living conditions different? How are they the same? Where would you rather live? What kind of job would you want to have if you lived back then?
- You have read about Benjamin Franklin and William Penn. Choose one of them and research more about his life. Write a report, make a poster, or one pager and tell us more about either of these famous men. Include: drawings, quotes, and information about their family life, childhood, and why they are famous.