

Lesson 2:

Colony v Country

English v British

Unit 5
Grade 4

Child



Can one person be all three of these during their lives?

Teenager



How old would a person be to be called each of these (child, teenager, adult)?

Adult



We will be learning about how our country started out as “colonies” but eventually became a “country.”

The process is similar to how a child develops into a teenager then becomes an adult.

It can be the same person but at different points in their lives, people acquire different names (e.g., child, teenager, adult).



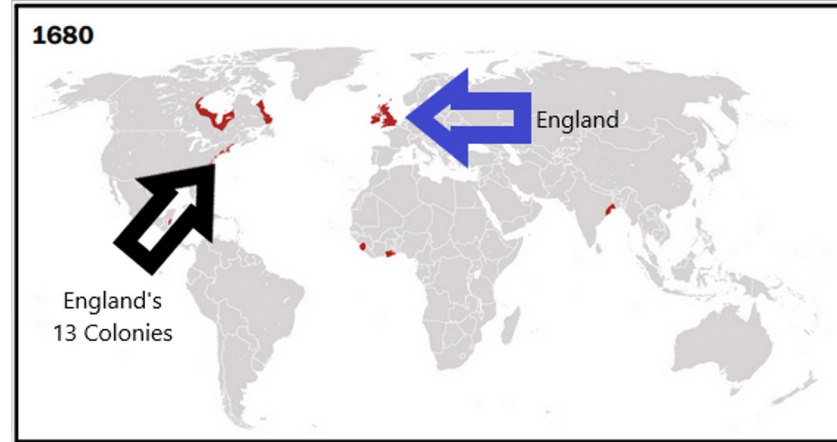
Resource 1: Was Our Country (United States) Always a Country?

What is a Colony?

A colony is an area of land that one country seizes and rules over. The country that owns colonies is sometimes called the “mother country.”

A “colony” is like a child that is ruled by a parent or guardian - the “mother country.” Just like a child grows up and becomes an adult and rules itself, a colony grows up and becomes a “country” that rules itself.

Our country is called the United States of America. The United States started out in 1607 as 13 colonies owned by England - their “mother country.” The colonies eventually grew up, broke away from England, and became a “united” country in 1776.



Does England have More than One Name?

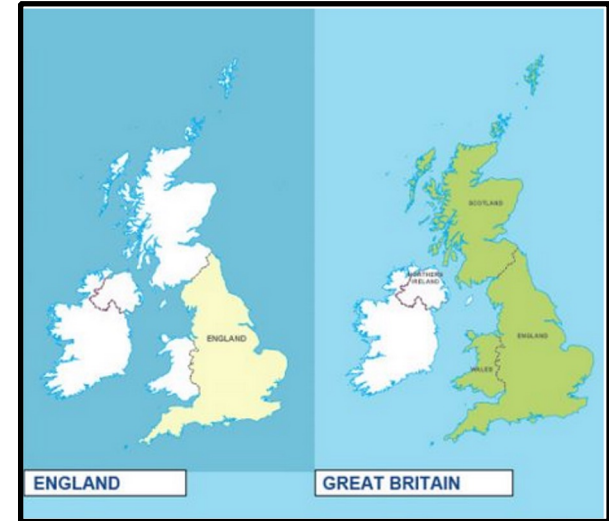
Yes. England was a country located on islands known as the British Isles (see the map to the right). In 1707, England got together with another country called Scotland to create a bigger and more powerful country. That country became known as Great Britain. This can get a little confusing, but it won't be for you.

Before 1707, the country was called England. The people of England are called English.

After 1707, England became part of Great Britain. The people started calling themselves British.

The important things you need to remember are:

1. England was part of Great Britain
2. the English people are also called British
3. the United States started out as 13 English colonies



Did Englishmen Have Rights When They Moved from England to America?

Starting in 1607, England sent people over to the area where we now live and claimed the land. England used its power to create 13 colonies along the east coast of what is now the United States. Those 13 colonies were known as the 13 English colonies because England owned them. Delaware became one of the 13 English colonies.

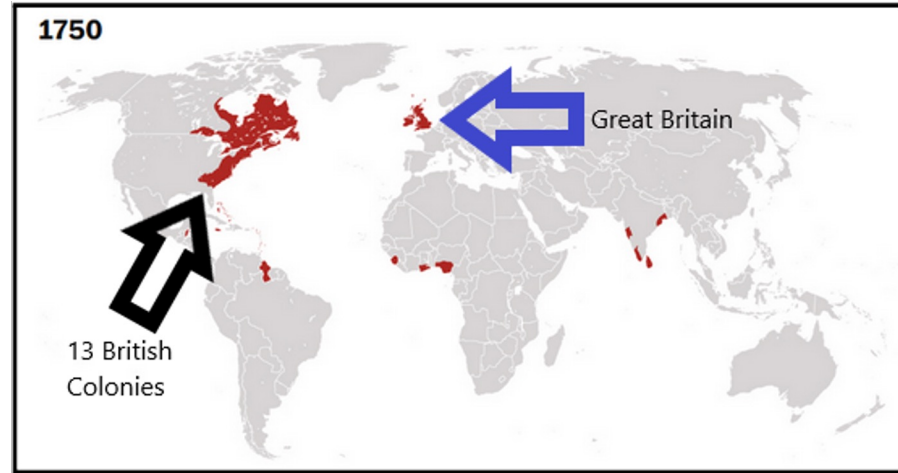
For the most part, the people who moved from England to America were proud to be Englishmen. Many of them believed that England had the best government in the world. They also believed that England gave its citizens more rights than most other countries. Most importantly, they believed that they continued to have those “rights as Englishmen” when they left England and moved to the 13 English colonies.

So, What Was the British “Empire?”

Over time, Great Britain became very powerful. The British used their power to set up colonies around the world. The map below shows you places in the world that became its colonies. The countries and all of its colonies are called the British empire. An empire is a large group of places controlled by one country.

Notice the changes in the two maps above labeled 1680 and 1750. What changes do you see in the maps?

In 1776 the 13 English colonies decided to break away from the British empire. They united together and fought a war with Great Britain to be free from their control. After winning the war, they were no longer “colonies” because they were no longer owned by England. They became “states” - free and “united” states that would work together to create a new and better country.



You are going to label the 13 colonies while watching the video: [13 American Colonies](#).



Name of Region	Colonies in the Region	Economic Activities



The 13 American Colonies



Let's Review

1. What were the "united states" before they became states?
2. What is the difference between the terms English and British?
3. What is the difference between England and Great Britain?
4. Explain what a "mother country" is?
5. Why were people in England and the colonies proud to be Englishmen?
6. What are some ways that the 3 regions of Colonial America were different?
7. In which region was Delaware located?
8. What is an empire?
9. Why might Native Americans be angry with the Europeans?