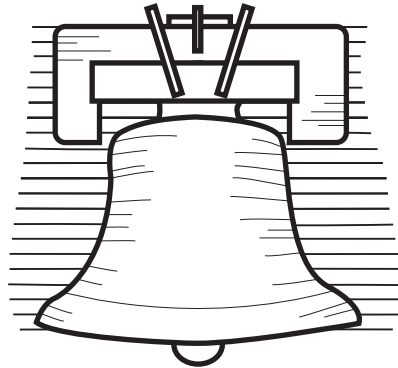


Come to the Colonies!

Once word got out that an entire continent of land waited across the Atlantic, there was no stopping the waves of determined colonists. They came from England, France, Spain and Portugal, abandoning their homes for the promise of a better future in the New World.



No one knew what to expect. The miles and miles of unsettled land were beautiful and majestic... and full of strange, unknown dangers. Imagine trying to survive the winter without a real house; just a tent or a half-finished hut. Some of the colonists didn't even know how to farm the soil or hunt for food. Without reliable shelter or food supplies, life often became a daily struggle for survival.

The colonists were tough and stubborn, though, and soon their shabby settlements evolved into full-fledged towns and cities. Colonial America was no longer an experiment of desperate immigrants or curious royals. It was a thriving haven for people who wanted new lifestyles, new beginnings and, perhaps most importantly, new politics.

Pretend a brand new continent has just been discovered in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Would you leave your home, your family and your friends to start a new life there? Why or why not?
