

# England's American Colonies

## Lesson 2.3 The Middle Colonies Thrive

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### Key Terms

push factors  
pull factors  
William Penn  
Quakers

### New Netherland and Its Neighbors:

1. **Summarize** How were conditions in England and the Netherlands different in the 1600s? How did this affect American colonization?
2. **Draw Inferences** Why do you think the Dutch people made little effort to convert the American Indians?
3. **Compare and Contrast** Why did the Dutch colonists come to America? How were these reasons different from the reasons that brought English colonists to New England?
4. **Draw Conclusions** What effects did the Dutch colonists have on life in the American colonies?
5. **Compare and Contrast** Explain how the government in New Netherland differed from the government in New England.
6. **Draw Inferences** Why did both the English and the Dutch want to control the city of New Amsterdam?
7. **Use Visual Information** Analyze the map of the lands that became New York and New Jersey. Then use it to explain why the English wanted control of those lands.

### Religious Toleration in Pennsylvania:

8. **Compare and Contrast** How were the beliefs of the Quakers similar to and different from those of the Puritans?
9. **Draw Conclusions** Explain how William Penn's influence made Pennsylvania different from the other English colonies.
10. **Cite Evidence** Why were the Middle Colonies so diverse? Identify at least three reasons.