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Push-Pull Factors

Aim: What are push and pull factors?

Why did people come to the new British Colonies of America?

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WHY DO PEOPLE MOVE? list three reasons WHY PEOPLE may move from one place to another.

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PUSH factors:

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Directions: Read the article below. Then, answer the questions that follow.

English Flee Harsh Laws, Lack of Jobs for Promise of Better Life in America America, 1640

English colonists are hurrying to America looking for freedom and jobs. A **colony** is a group of people living together in a new land but keeping ties with the mother country.

Here is what the colonists are running from:

- No choice of religion - everyone must belong to the Church of England. Many people secretly belong to other churches. Puritans want simple services without fancy robes and churches. Roman Catholics believe the Pope should be the head of the church - not the King of England.
- No jobs. Farmers are being chased off their land. Then rich landowners can grow richer by raising sheep on the farmland.
- Strict laws made by the King. If people complain, the King takes away their homes, money, or throws them into prison.

Here is what America promises:

- Freedom of religion. Roger Williams has opened Rhode Island to all. It doesn't matter if the settlers believe in God or not. Other colonies welcome believers in God from all churches.
- New jobs. Besides needing farmers, the colonies are asking for trappers, tree cutters, fishermen, blacksmiths, dressmakers, innkeepers, barrel makers, and other workers.
- Free land. Some towns offer rent-free land. One colony sets aside 50 acres for every new colonist.

- 1) What is the title of this article?
- 2) What is a colony?
- 3) Name one PUSH factor mentioned in this article.
- 4) Name one PULL factor mentioned in this article.

Directions: Using the reading and the word bank below, fill in the push and pull factors for the English Colonies.

GOID	Religious OPPRESSION	POVERTY	WAR	LAND
freedom of Religion	OVERCROWDING		Political freedom	
famine/starvation	start a new life		Political restraint	
social mobility rigid	social structure		POOR CONDITIONS	

PUSH FACTORS

PULL FACTORS

CHOICE HOMEWORK

Directions: Choose an assignment from below. Follow your teacher's instructions for how to complete your assignment.

- 1) Interview a parent, parents, or someone you live with about a move they have made in their lives. Describe the push and pull factors.
- 2) Find an article that discusses migration. Lists the push and pull factors on a separate sheet of paper and attach the article to your work. It can be a newspaper, magazine, or an article from the Internet.

