There were many different reasons why people decided to move to the American Colonies. We have learned that the first colonies were begun by businesses hoping to make money and by religious groups looking for freedom. Some of the thirteen colonies were not even started by the English. Because of these differences, each of the thirteen original colonies has a unique history and character of its own. As we learn about the founding of the thirteen colonies it will be your job to investigate one specific colony in detail. Your investigation will be collected in a colonial brochure advertising your colony and showing why it is the best colony to live in. In order to complete this project you will need to follow the guidelines listed below.

**Front Cover:**
The front of your colony brochure should be designed to grab the attention of the reader. The design of the cover is up to you, but must include the information listed below. All artwork must have something to do with the colony.

1. Colony name
2. Your heading (Name, period, date)
3. Why was your colony started?

**Part I: Government:**
The next thing you may worry about as a new colonist is how you will be governed. In this section you will report on the type of government your colony chose. Be sure to answer the following questions as part of your report…

1. Who were the important leaders of your colony?
2. Who chose the leader of your colony?
3. What type of government did your colony have?
4. How did your government grow and change over time?

**Part II: Religion:**
Many settlers came to the colonies for religious reasons. Every colony had certain religious groups that chose to live there. Identify and report on the religious group(s) of your colony. Be sure to answer the following questions as part of your response.

1. What religious groups lived in your colony?
2. Describe what their religion was like.
3. How did the colonists feel about religious freedom? Did they tolerate other religions? Or did they persecute other religions?
Part III: Economy:
Every colony needed to find a way to make money. As a new colonist you would need to know what types of jobs are available in your new home. While reporting on the economic opportunities in your colony, be sure to cover the following questions…
1. What natural resources are available in your colony?
2. What types of businesses would do best in this colony?
3. What goods could someone make and then trade?

Part IV and V: Free Choice:
To complete your brochure you need to choose two sections from the options listed below. Each choice will be a separate page in your brochure.
1. Famous Colonists
   a. Identify two famous colonists from your colony
   b. Explain why they are important
2. Timeline
   a. Create a timeline describing at least four major events in your colony’s history
3. Advertisement (put this on back cover)
   a. Create an advertisement to lure new settlers to your colony. Be sure to include the colony name and a persuasive paragraph describing your colony. You may exaggerate, but stick to the facts.
4. Colonial Map
   a. Create a hand drawn map of your colony that includes the major bodies of water, important towns and any mountain ranges