Date Founded

The 4 colonies that make up the middle colons were founded between the years 1638 - 1681

Significant Leaders

*Peter Minuit:*first significant leader to govern Delaware in 1638

*William Penn:*founder of the Pennsylvania colony and upholder the reasons for the colonies start.

*Richard Nicolls:*lead a fleet of English ships into the port of New Jersey, where Fort Amsterdam was, the English fleet took control of the fort and its surrounding area, giving the control of these lands to the country of England.

Reason Founded

Founded based on the ideal of mercantilism that was popular amongst the figure heads of the world powers of that time, they sought out to expand their territory past there own borders in order to increase profits and cash flow. (The rich wanted to get richer)

Religion/Form of Government

The 3 major religions in the middle colonies were Quaker, Anglican and Protestin. Pennsylvania was founded on the grounds that it was a refuge for followers of the Quaker beliefs; it was used as a place where they could practice their religion without being persecuted, which was otherwise impossible in England to do so. The government implemented in the middle colonies was a form of democracy, just like the type of government we practice in Canada today.

Economic Base/Industries

The middle colonies were called the breadbasket colonies because of their large amount of natural recourses. The recourses consisted of good farmland, timber, furs, coals, iron ore, and indigo. The colonies would manufacture iron products and produce agricultural goods and ship them back to England or distribute them across the 13 colonies.

Demographics/Population

The middle colonies were a place where people that were once persecuted can live in peace, because of this the population was very diverse including cultures such as English, Germans, Scotch-Irish, African Americans, Dutch, and others. The colony had many people of different races and religions.

Society/Culture

At first the middle colonies were mostly white but because of the amount of work produced by all of the natural recourses the amount of slaves increased in some parts of the middle colonies. In New York by the 1700's 25% of the population were slaves.