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**“The English Thirteen”**

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When Europe started to colonize

England claimed some land and it grew in size

Don’t be afraid if you don’t know what I mean

I’m gonna teach you about the English thirteen

In New Hampshire they liked shipbuilding and trading

While Puritans and Pilgrims saw their religious rights fading

They came to Massachusetts, where they governed on their own

But their voting laws made non-church members groan

Thomas Hooker moved his people to Connecticut

Voting rights is what non-church members get

In Rhode Island, they separated church and state

And you could practice your religion, they didn’t hate

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Let’s go to the middle, New York is first

England took it from the Dutch when Stuyvesant was the worst

Proprietors made up the land of New Jersey

Quakers lived there but they were shown no mercy

They believed in equality for women and men

They had a leader named William, last name Penn

He started Pennsylvania, where religious laws were fair

But its lower half left and became Delaware

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In the South, Virginia was king

Its tobacco sales made farmers sing

Maryland is where Catholics would go

Georgia was your home if you paid your debts too slow

North and South Carolina split into two

The South used slave labor, the slaves’ rights were few

Cash crops would be grown on a large plantation

Now you know the start of our great nation

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You should all recognize what I mean

‘Cause you just learned about the English thirteen

1. Name each of the colonies listed in the song.

2. What made non-church members “groan” in Massachusetts?

3. What did non-church members in Connecticut get?

4. What did they separate in Rhode Island?

5. Who took New York from the Dutch?

6. Who made up New Jersey?

7. What was fair in Pennsylvania?

8. Which crop made a lot of money in Virginia?

9. What kind of labor was used in the South?

10. What were cash crops grown on in the South?