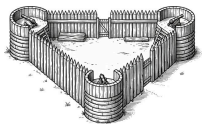
1607 – 1763

Colonial America: Illustrated Timeline

Colonial America is the period when European settlers built the thirteen colonies that would later become the United States.

1607



Jamestown Founded

The first permanent English colony in America is founded in Virginia.

1619



House of Burgesses

Virginia forms the first representative assembly in the English colonies.

1620



Plymouth and the Mayflower Compact

The Pilgrims found Plymouth and sign an agreement to govern themselves.

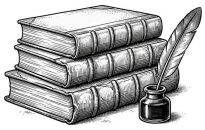
1630



Massachusetts Bay Colony

Puritans led by John Winthrop found a large colony around Boston.

1636



Rhode Island and Harvard

Roger Williams founds Rhode Island; Harvard, the first college, is established.

1664



New Amsterdam Becomes New York

The English take the Dutch colony and rename it New York.

1681



Pennsylvania Founded

William Penn founds Pennsylvania as a colony welcoming many faiths.

1692



Salem Witch Trials

Fear and false accusations lead to famous witchcraft trials in Massachusetts.

1732



Georgia Founded

Georgia becomes the thirteenth and last of the original colonies.

1754



French and Indian War

Britain and France fight for control of North America until 1763.

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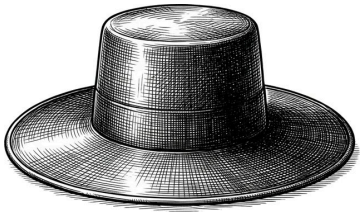
Picture Cards: Put Them in Order

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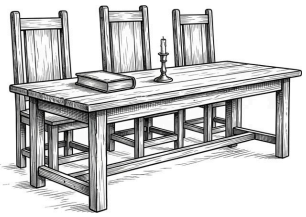
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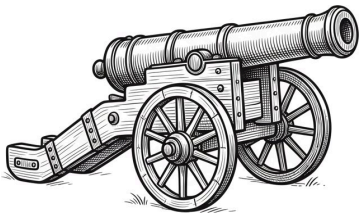
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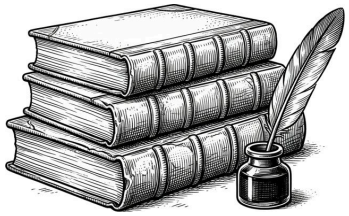
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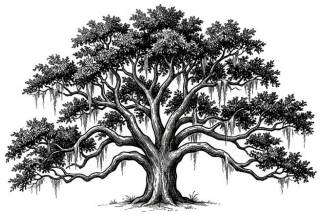
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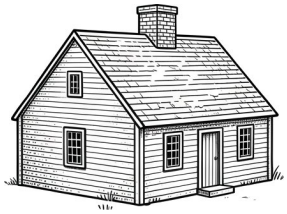
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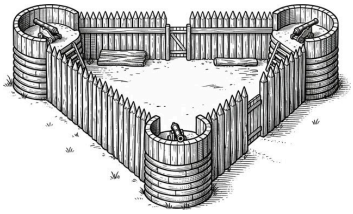
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