

Welcome to Thinkport's Student Activity Center! Your teacher has directed you to this student activity to help you learn more about the topic you are studying.

**Title:** Where in the World is Marie's Land? Part One

**Audience:** Middle

**Duration:** 45 Minutes

**Subject Area(s):**

Language Arts - Reading

Social Studies

**Grade Level(s):** 4,5,6,7,8

**Student Directions:**

Can you imagine leaving your life in England and traveling to a new land that you know practically nothing about? Today you will find out why people left their old lives behind and ventured forth to the New World, and what life was like on board a sailing ship in the 1600's.

**Reading**

**3.0 Comprehension of Literary Text:** Students will read, comprehend, interpret, analyze, and evaluate literary texts.

Grade 5-8

**6. Determine important ideas and messages in literary texts**

- a. Analyze main ideas and universal themes
- d. Summarize the text

**Social Studies**

**1.0 History:** Students will examine significant ideas, beliefs, and themes; Organize patterns and events; and analyze how individuals and societies have changed over time in Maryland, the United States and around the world.

Grade 5

A. History

**3. Analyze the growth and development of Colonial America using a variety of primary and secondary sources**

a. Describe the religious, political, and economic motives of individuals who migrated to North America and the difficulties they encountered

**The Students will:**

be able to list and discuss the motivations early settlers had for traveling to Maryland.

**Directions:** Use the interactives "Ask an Expert" and "Journey to a New Life" to complete this worksheet. You will be identifying why colonists left England to travel to the New World as well as details about their voyage.

Journey to a New Life worksheet ([View](#))

**Directions:** Use the link below to launch the "Ask an Expert" interactive. Begin the interactive and choose "Ask an Historian". Double click on the second to the last question "What is a proprietor? How did Lord Baltimore become one?". Use the answer from the historian to answer the first question on the "Journey to a New Life" worksheet.

**Ask an Expert**

Historical experts including archaeologists, historians, and historical interpreters answer questions about life of early settlers in this interactive from the "Maryland Roots" online field trip.

<http://mdroots.thinkport.org/interactives/askexpert/intro.asp>

Who was the first Lord Baltimore? Why is he considered the founder of Maryland?

**Directions:** Use the link below to access background information about the voyage to Maryland. You are responsible for identifying why colonists left their lives in England to come to America.

Complete questions 2-4 on your worksheet.

### **Journey to a New Life Background Information**

Background information about the voyage of the Ark and Dove is given in this help document for the Journey to a New Life interactive.

<http://mdroots.thinkport.org/interactives/newlife/help.asp>

Why did colonists leave their lives in England to come to Maryland?

**Directions:** Use the link below to launch the "Journey to a New Life" interactive. As you journey through this interactive story you are responsible for identifying reasons why indentured servants would travel to the New World . On the interactive, you will take on the role of a young boy who is traveling from England to Maryland on board a ship. When you open the site, begin by clicking on the "Voyage to Marie's Land" button. Select "Journey to a New Life". Select "Begin the Interactive". Choose to "Start at the beginning." Answer questions 5-10 using this interactive story. Most journeys to the New World lasted many weeks. Your adventure will start today, but will not be finished until tomorrow. Work through the interactive and collect your information. If you reach the Isle of Barbados today stop and review your information. Good luck on your new adventure; you're going to need it.

### **Journey to a New Life Interactive**

Sign up for an exciting adventure from England to the Maryland colony on board the Ark. Find out why people left their homeland to travel to the New World, and what life was like on board a ship in the 1600's.

[http://mdroots.thinkport.org/default\\_flash.asp](http://mdroots.thinkport.org/default_flash.asp)

Why would young people leave their home and travel to a strange land they knew nothing about?

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Activity Signature

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