

**Topic:** Why did people come to live in the English colonies?

**ECONOMIC REASON (money situation)**

**Enclosure Movement (main problem)**

- Farmland was closed off to raise sheep because it was more profitable
- Impact: thousands lost their jobs and moved to the cities
- Cities became crowded, less and less jobs were available, it became overpopulated, disease spread, hunger and poverty increased
- People came to the New World to own their own land and have a better standard of living

**Topic Sentence:** People came to live in the English colonies because of the enclosure movement.

**RELIGIOUS REASON**

**Anglican Church (Church of England) (main problem)**

- People were forced against their will to join the Church of England
- People dissented against the Church of England
- Examples of dissenters – Separatists (Pilgrims) and Puritans
- Dissenters were persecuted (property confiscated, sentenced to death, jail)
- Dissenters went to the New World to seek religious freedom

**Topic Sentence:** People came to live in the English Colonies to escape religious persecution.

**POLITICAL REASON**

**Divine Right (main problem)**

- The monarchs had too much power
- The people had little or no say about their government
- James I and his son Charles I became tyrants
- Tyrant = a harsh ruler, takes their job too far
- Tyranny led to harsh taxes and less rights
- The kings ignored Parliament (the law-making body of England)

**Topic Sentence:** The political reason why people moved to the colonies was because of divine right of the king.

**Natural Rights: life, property and liberty**