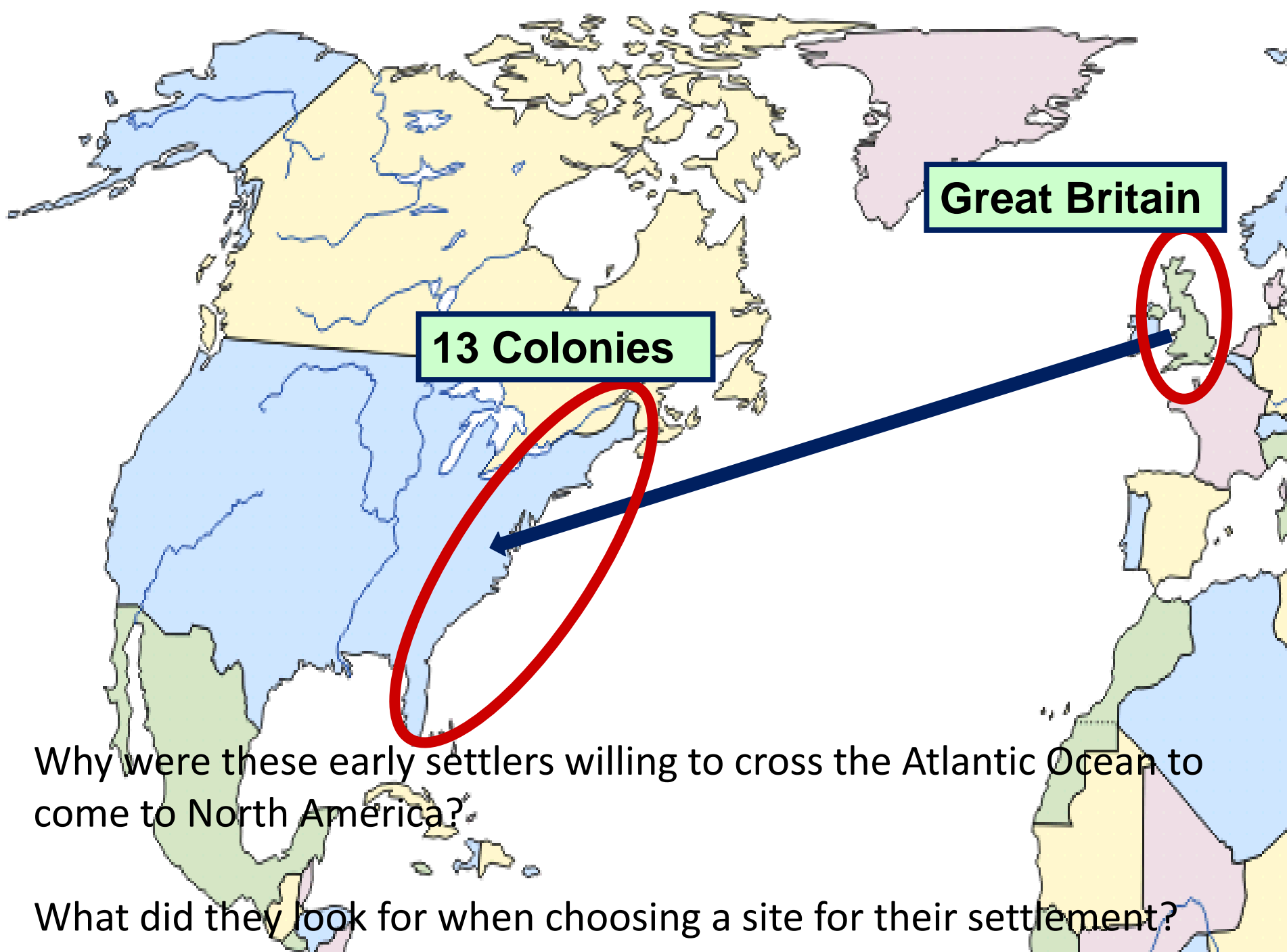


Warm Up:

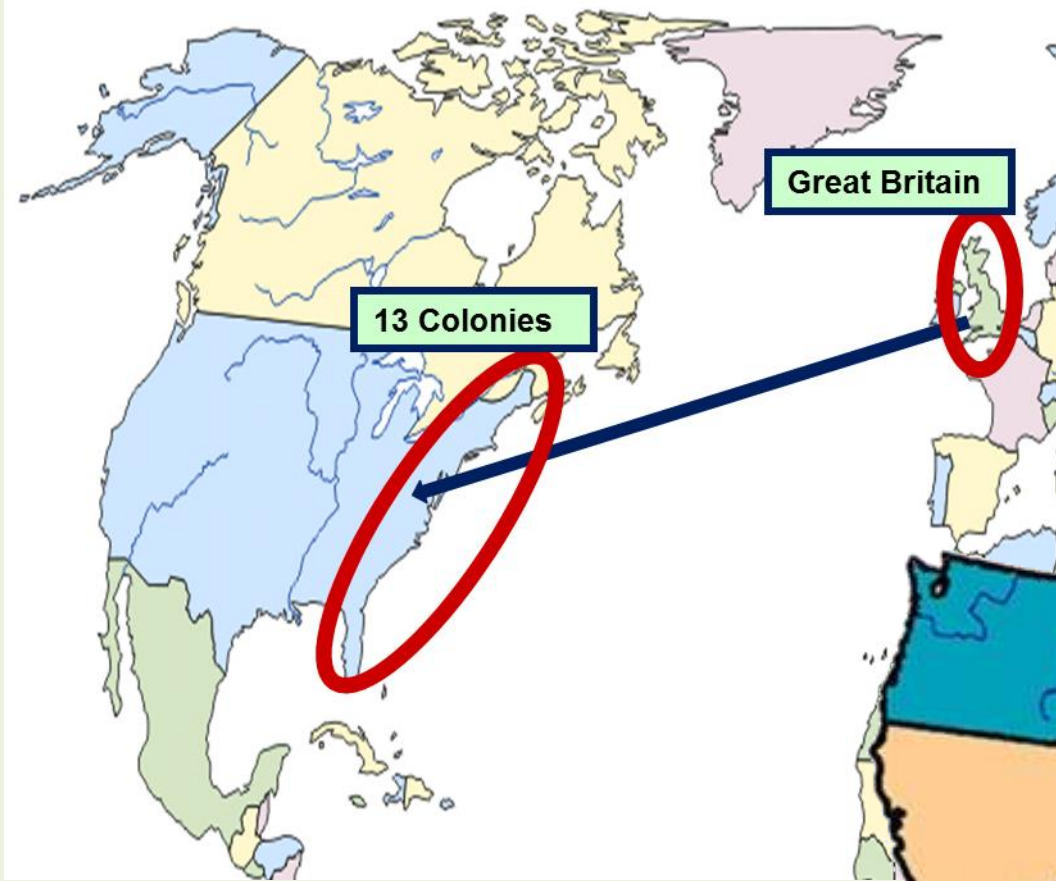
What reasons would have caused you to leave your family, friends, and home behind in order to move and settle in a new land?

Explain your answer.



Why were these early settlers willing to cross the Atlantic Ocean to come to North America?

What did they look for when choosing a site for their settlement?



1. What were Texas settlers looking for when choosing a site to colonize?

2. How might the experiences colonial settlers be similar to the settlers in Mexican Texas?

3. How might their experiences be different?



Part 1 – Moses Austin (15 Min)

Working with a partner, use pp. 163-164 to complete the following:

Why Moses Austin Wanted to Start a Colony	Why Spanish Officials Approved Austin's Colony
<p>Moses Austin (SFA Father) was broke yet not defeated he decided that if he started a colony he could charge fees for the land so he could regain his wealth.</p>	<p>With the help of Baron de Bastrop (Fake name) he was able to convince the Spanish Gov. that a contract would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-improve TX economy-help protect land from Native Americans and U.S. Soldiers-Austin became a Spanish Citizen

Part 2 – Stephen F. Austin (20 min.)

Working with a partner, use pp. 164-167 to complete the following:

Austin's Colony	
Geographic Location	Brazos & Colorado River Valleys
Geographic Features	Fertile Farmland, Rivers, Mild Climate, Water, Timber
Size of Colony	11 Million Acres
Cost per Acre	12.5 cents
Final Approval Date	1823
Final Land Terms	Couples: Ranching 4, 428 Acres, Farming 177 acres Single Men: 1/3 less land received than couples All: Doesn't have to pay taxes for 6 years

Discussion ?'s based on Reading

1. Based on what you read, why is Stephen F. Austin considered the Father of Texas?
2. How did geography influence Austin's location of his colony?
3. What were some of the challenges faced by early settlers?
4. Moses Austin's settlement contract was with the Spanish government – what event happened that could have changed Stephen F. Austin's fulfillment of the contract?
5. How can a change in the leadership of the Mexican government affect Austin's colony?

Advertisement: Come to Texas

Based on the information collected about Austin's colony, **create an advertisement** to attract potential settlers from the United States. The advertisement **must include** the land terms, cost, a description of the land, benefits to moving to Texas, and a map of the colony and a Slogan (catchy phrase, Hook)

This is due on **Friday Dec. 1st, 2017**