

Naming Colonial History



Awakenings, enlightenments, passages, revolutions—historical events and phenomena gain colorful names that say little about what they stand for, when taken out of context. Identify the meanings of the following names, all taken from narratives of English colonial history.

1. The Great Awakening was:

- A very early radical abolitionist movement.
- A major Christian religious revival movement.
- A spreading interest in science and scientific experimentation.
- A French attack on the northernmost New England colonies.

2. The Enlightenment was:

- A spreading interest in science and scientific experimentation.
- A very early radical abolitionist movement.
- A spiritualist society that gained some ground in the colonies.
- A major Christian religious revival movement.

3. The Middle Passage was:

- A much-sought-after sea passage through Central America.
- A spiritualist society that gained some ground in the colonies.
- A hotly debated paragraph in the Navigation Acts.
- A section of the trade route that brought slaves to North America.

4. The Glorious Revolution was:

- An English revolution, overthrowing a monarch who abused power.
- A major Christian religious revival movement.
- A spreading interest in science and scientific experimentation.
- A French attack on the northernmost New England colonies.

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