

## Activities

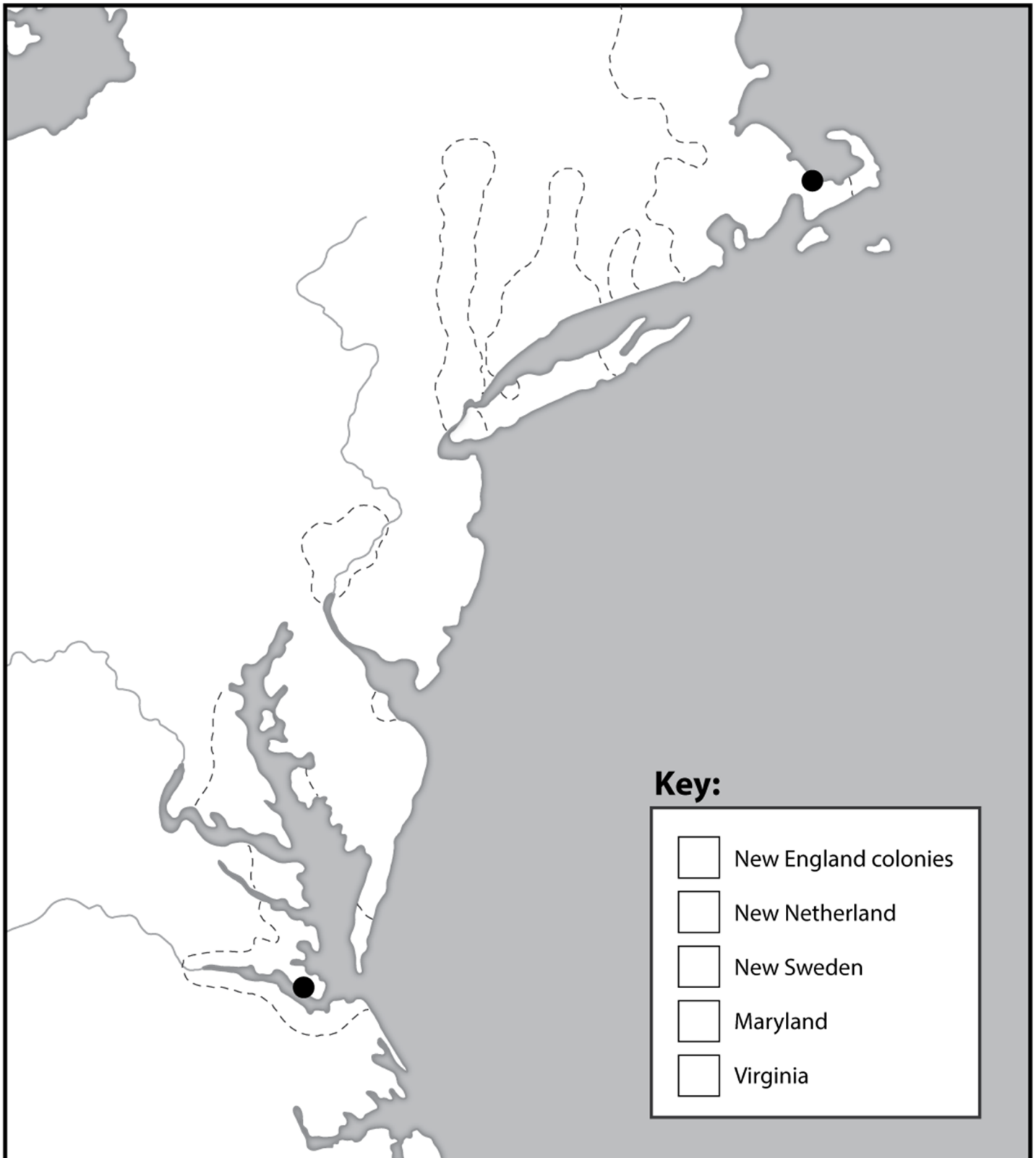
### Activity 1: Map of the First Settlements

The Pilgrims were the first settlers who left England in search of religious freedom. They were part of a group called the Separatists who separated from the church of England and moved to Holland before coming to America. Their colony was at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Other groups followed; the Puritans established the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the Swedish started the settlement of New Sweden, and another English colony was established for Lutherans called Delaware. The Dutch sent out explorers to trade with American Indians even before the Pilgrims. They built the colony of New Netherland in the Hudson Valley. They came to trade, not to have religious freedom.

The book *The New Americans* provides maps to give you a visual understanding of where the settlements were established. On the map provided, label the areas specified and fill in the map key.

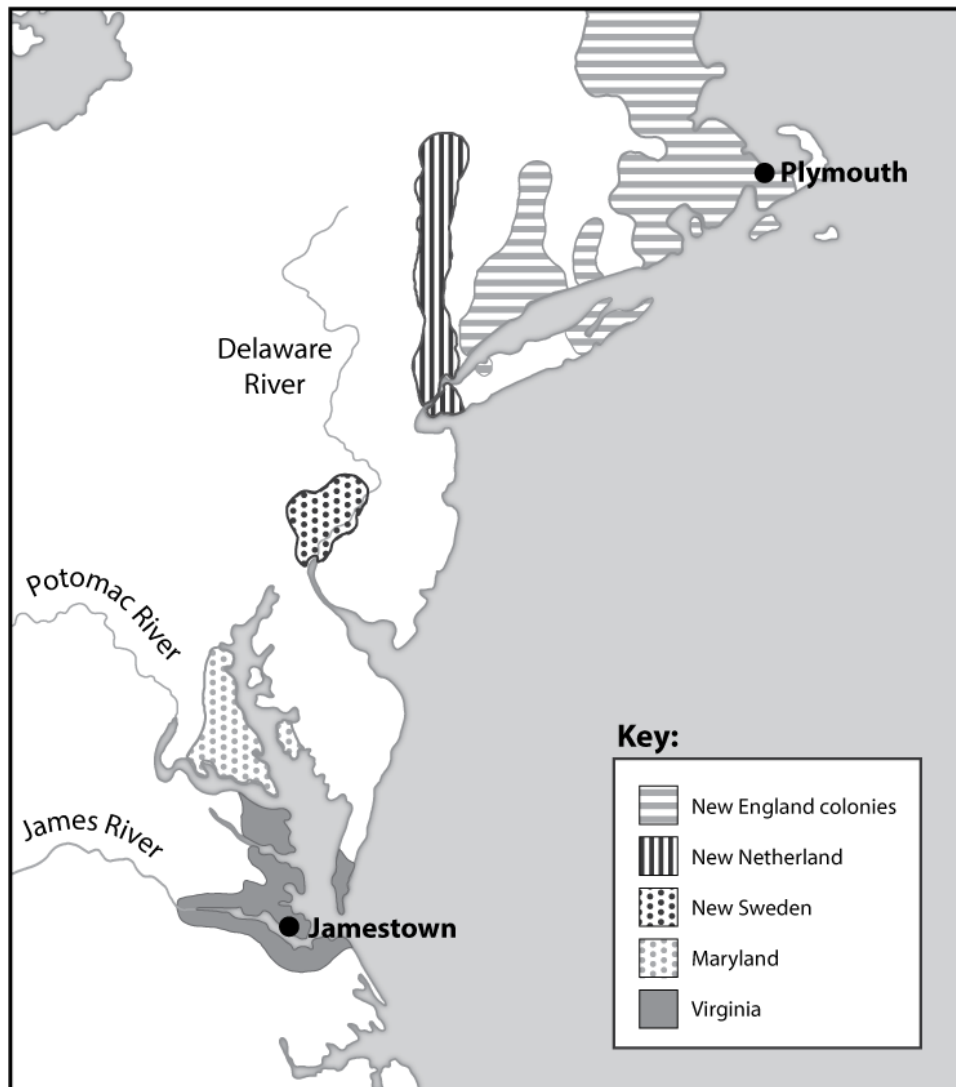
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**Directions:** Shade the land that was the New England colonies, New Netherland, New Sweden, Maryland, and Virginia. Also label the Delaware River, Potomac River, and James River as well as the Jamestown and Plymouth settlements.



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*Answer Key*

Check your child's map to see if she labeled and shaded it correctly.