

Colonial Word Wise Answer Key

(Sample student-friendly definitions)

1. **Mercantilism:** A system where colonies exist to make the home country wealthy by controlling trade.
2. **Charter:** A legal document giving permission to form a colony or organization.
3. **Indentured servant:** A person who works for someone for a set number of years to pay off a debt, such as travel costs.
4. **Assembly:** A group of elected people who meet to make laws or decisions.
5. Sentences will vary; must show clear understanding of the chosen term.

Teacher's Guide

Differentiation Tips

- **Support:**
 - Provide a word bank with visuals for each term
 - Allow students to underline helpful clues in each sentence
 - Offer sentence starters for Part B
- **Challenge:**
 - Have students add synonyms or examples for each term
 - Ask students to write a short paragraph using all four vocabulary words correctly

Extension Activities

- Create illustrated dictionary pages for each term
- Compare colonial assemblies to modern legislatures like Congress
- Explore how mercantilism led to later conflicts between colonies and Britain