

Law In The Colonies Answer Key

1. Activities not allowed: travel, working, or playing during worship time.
2. Colonists made the law to ensure everyone followed strict religious rules and attended church.
3. Sample correct points:
 - Religion was central to government and daily life.
 - Colonists believed community survival depended on following God's rules.
 - Church attendance was seen as necessary and expected.
4. Responses will vary but should reference ideas such as religious freedom and personal rights being more protected today.

Teacher's Guide

Differentiation Tips

- Support:
 - Provide a vocabulary box defining "profane," "stocks," and "public worship."
 - Allow students to brainstorm meaning with a partner before writing.
- Challenge:
 - Require evidence from additional historical laws or texts.
 - Ask students to compare Puritan laws with laws in another colony like Virginia or Pennsylvania.

Engagement Strategies

- Hold a brief class discussion: Should laws control personal behavior on religious days?
- Practice a mini "town meeting" where students propose a more fair version of the law.

Extension Opportunities

- Students create a new law that would help a colonial community survive.
- Connect to modern ideas: research how different communities observe religious rest days today.