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## Colonial Beginnings

**Directions:** Read the passage and fill in each blank with a word that best completes the sentence.

frontier  
religious  
opportunities

dream  
land

In early America, many people came to the colonies looking for new \_\_\_\_\_. Some hoped for \_\_\_\_\_ freedom so they could worship in their own way. Others wanted to own \_\_\_\_\_, grow crops, and build a better life. As settlers moved west into the \_\_\_\_\_, they believed they could shape their own future through hard work. This idea that anyone could rise and find success became the start of the American \_\_\_\_\_.

**Short Response:** Write 3-4 sentences explaining why people were willing to take risks to chase their dreams in early America.

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