

The Lived Experience of North America

A person's experience of North America in the late seventeenth century and early eighteenth century depended on many things, including their age, social status, gender, location, and domestic and international politics. For each of the inhabitants of North America listed below, sketch out the major concerns of their life according to the information you have. How free is each person?

Maryland, 1650: a white, married woman who is a Catholic

Virginia, 1663: African woman, enslaved, pregnant

Virginia, 1676: young white man, recently freed from indenture, wanting to move West.

Outside Boston, 1676: young Wompanoag man

London, 1691: The King of England.

Charles Town, 1715: a twenty-year-old, single enslaved man working on the docks