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Background Info

Although the Spanish, French, and English all had major impacts on their respective settlements, the English had a substantial influence on what became the American colonies. From the early founding of Jamestown in 1607 until the calls for American independence in 1776, the people who settled in New England had a direct impact on the nation's future. American culture and values changed over the course of the next one-and-a-half centuries, leading to uniqueness only present in the New World. Spanning from religious groups to scientific thinkers, developments in New England led to independent viewpoints that differed from Great Britain's. Ultimately, this was a contributing factor for the American War of Independence in 1776. As Europeans began to come to the New World, they began to impact the fledgling nation's development and beliefs through the Puritans' high standards for worship and purity, Enlightenment thinkers' questioning of the world around them, and the Revivalists' shift in religious views and values.

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