

## ✓ Farming, Politics and Revolution

Farming was George Washington's passion. He had a talent for agricultural innovation. In the 1760s, he transitioned his cash crop from *tobacco* to *wheat*—quite a move for a planter in a tobacco-centric Virginia. Washington experimented with **crop rotation** and **livestock breeding**, *invented* a barn, and opened **commercial fishery**. By the time he died, Washington had expanded his farm from 2,000 to 8,000 acres.

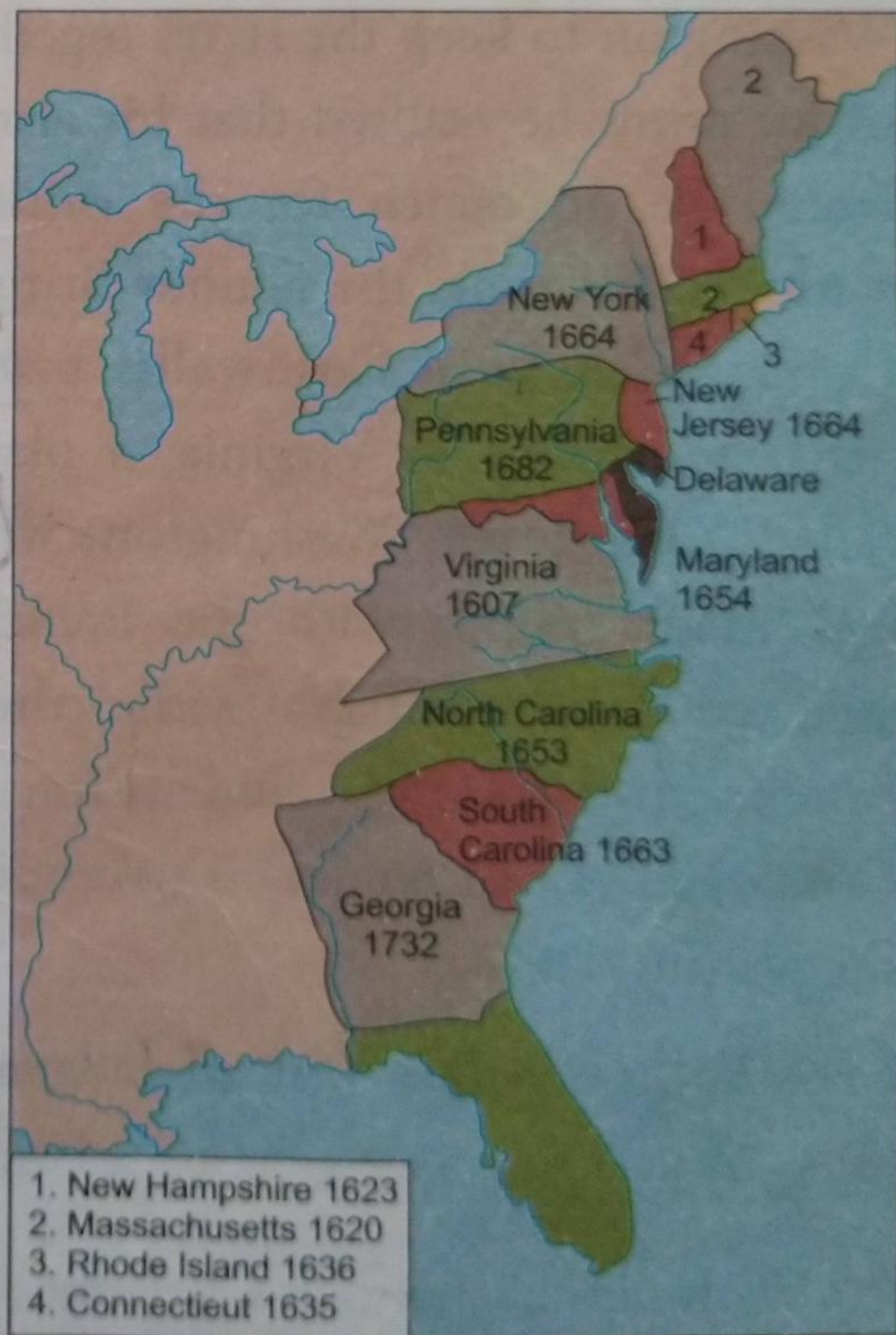
By 1758 Washington was engaged in **colonial politics**. All the while, he became increasingly resentful of the British exploiting the economic and financial condition of the colonies. In 1774, he travelled to Philadelphia as one of the seven Virginia representatives to the **Continental Congress**. In 1775, the **Revolutionary War** broke out between the **13 American Colonies and Great Britain**. Washington was unanimously elected Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army.

### Know This

In 1773, the colonists took the slogan, 'No taxation without representation...', i.e., if the colonies did not have their representatives in the British Parliament, the British government had no right to tax them. This was the slogan of the Revolution.



George Washington in a Battle



The Thirteen Colonies

Fill in the blanks with information from the text :-

1. \_\_\_\_\_ was George Washington's passion.
2. In the 1760s, he transitioned his cash crop from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Washington experimented with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He invented a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Washington opened \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer the following questions :

1. Which activity of George Washington was regarded as 'quite a move for a planter in a tobacco-centric Virginia'?
2. How much area of land did Washington have, by the time he died?
3. What kind of Politics was Washington engaged in and since when?

Write down the importance of the following years :-

- a. 1758      b. 1775      c. 1774.