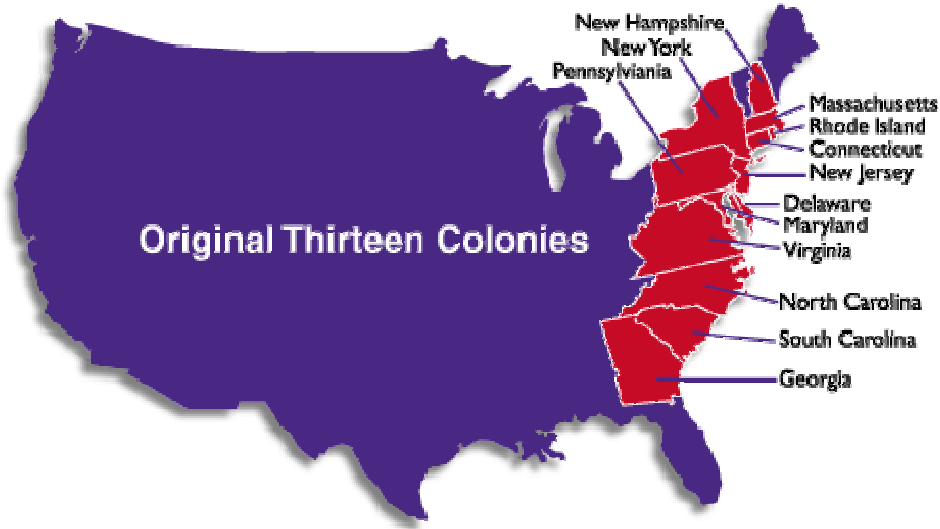


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**Question 40: What were the original 13 states?**

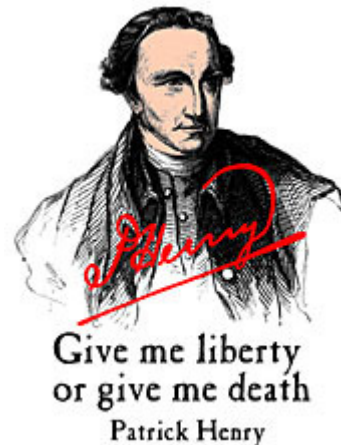
**Answer 40: Virginia, Massachusetts, Maryland, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Georgia**

These 13 states had been colonies before the United States became an independent country. The British king ruled the 13 colonies, but Great Britain was very far away and focused on domestic affairs or wars in Europe, not on the colonies. Therefore, even before their independence, the colonies largely governed themselves. This was done partly through colonial legislatures. These legislatures were elected by the colonists. Until the American Revolution, though, most colonists considered the British king their true ruler.

**Question 41: Who said, “Give me liberty or give me death”?**

**Answer 41: Patrick Henry**

Patrick Henry was a fiery leader of the American Revolution. Before U.S. independence, he spoke out for colonial rights within the Virginia legislature. Henry represented Virginia in both the First and Second Continental Congresses. He helped push the colonies toward independence. In 1775, when the Revolutionary War began, Henry convinced Virginia to join the colonists’ side. Later he became the first governor of Virginia.



See:

ElCivics: 13 Original Colonies: <http://www.elcivics.com/13-colonies.html>

Patrick Henry: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick\\_Henry#Give\\_me\\_Liberty.2C\\_or\\_Give\\_me\\_Death](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick_Henry#Give_me_Liberty.2C_or_Give_me_Death)

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