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Religious Freedom in Early America



Religious freedom has always been a _____ of American society. The early settlers, seeking to escape religious _____ in Europe, envisioned a land where people could worship freely. Among them, the _____ and Puritans arrived in the early 17th century, each _____ with its distinct religious practices and beliefs. They settled in what is now known as _____, creating communities based on their faith. However, religious freedom was not absolute. Each colony had its _____ religion, and dissenters often faced restrictions or were compelled to move. It was in _____, founded by William Penn, where a more genuine form of religious _____ was practiced, welcoming Quakers, Catholics, Jews, and others. The concept of a _____ of separation between church and state began to take shape, influencing the drafting of the _____. The First Amendment guaranteed that "Congress shall make no law respecting an _____ of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," laying the foundation for religious _____ in the United States. This principle allowed various religious groups to _____, contributing to the diverse cultural landscape of the nation. Nonetheless, the _____ towards complete religious liberty was gradual, with challenges and _____ continuing into the present day, making it a pivotal aspect of American _____ and literature.

Pennsylvania

cornerstone

wall

freedom

identity

Constitution

group

flourish

establishment

Pilgrims

debates

tolerance

dominant

journey

persecution

New England