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Early Days in Philadelphia

For years, Native Americans lived around the place that would become Philadelphia. Then, in the 1600s, explorers from Europe began to explore the area. They were drawn by the many natural resources.

In 1682, the King of England gave William Penn a large area of land surrounding this place. Penn decided to build a city where others had lived before him. It would be the capital of his colony. He began by building his own home, which was the first brick house built in this country.

The city grew quickly. It was located on water and land trade routes. This helped it become a busy shipping center. New businesses started. By 1760, it had become the largest city in the land. Because so many leaders lived there, it also became the birthplace of our government.

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