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The History of Adolescence in the United States

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Section A

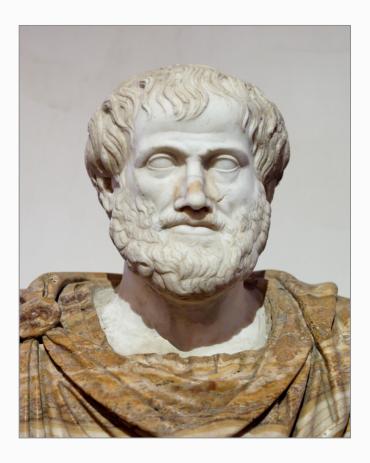
Adolescents in History

Origin

■ The word *adolescent* comes from the Latin "to nourish" and referred to someone who is still growing

Aristotle on Youth

 "Youth are prone to desire and ready to carry out any desire they may have formed into action" — Aristotle



Montaigne

"I was always ready to imitate the negligent garb still to be seen among our young men—my cloak across the shoulder, my hood to one side, and a stocking in disorder, all of which was meant to show a proud disdain for the exotic trumperies and a contempt for everything artificial." — Montaigne, 1570s



Recruiting Young People to Settle the New World

During the 1620s to 1630s in England, there were "spirits" who picked up young people with promises of wealth if they signed up to go to the New World. This was sanctioned by the City of London; and in 1619 Virginia recruited 100 children to be brought to the colony as apprentices.

