

NEW ENGLAND COLONIES:	MIDDLE COLONIES:	SOUTHERN COLONIES:	BACKCOUNTRY REGION:
Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut	New Jersey, New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania	Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Maryland	Area ran through the far western edges of the colonies.
Subsistence farming-growing only enough to feed your family	"Breadbasket colonies" b/c of cash crops of grain.	Crops: indigo, tobacco, and rice (required large labor force)	Small farms
Forests lead to timber and shipbuilding industry. Also big fishing industry.	Large farms	Cash crops grown on plantations	In or near the Appalachian mountains
<u>Land</u> : Rocky soil	<u>Land</u> : Fertile soil	<u>Land</u> : Fertile soil	<u>Land</u> : Rocky soil
<u>Climate</u> : Long winters created a shorting growing season	<u>Climate</u> : Mild winters created a longer growing season	<u>Climate</u> : Humid climate created a nearly year round growing season	<u>Climate</u> : Varied
<u>Religion</u> : Puritans The region had religious reformers and separatists	<u>Religion</u> : Quakers Known for religious tolerance	<u>Religion</u> : Anglican	<u>Religion</u> : Presbyterian
<u>Ethnic background</u> : English	<u>Ethnic background</u> : Mainly European (Dutch, German, English) and Africans in cities	<u>Ethnic Background</u> : English and a large African slave population	<u>Ethnic Background</u> : Scots-Irish People settle in clans to survive the difficulties of this region.
<u>Social Structure</u> : Middle class	<u>Social Structure</u> : Poor and middle class	<u>Social Structure</u> : the plantation economy leads to a wealthy, elite class	<u>Social Structure</u> : Poor, independent farmers