

American Colonies:

Characteristics of the Three Regions

Read each statement describing a colonial region. Review the information on page 1 to determine which region the statement is describing.

Place **NE** in the blank for New England Colonies, **M** for Middle Colonies, and **S** for Southern Colonies.

1. M This region included New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.
2. S This region included Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.
3. NE This region included New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.
4. M The large amounts of barley, wheat, oats, and rye grown in this region made it the “breadbasket” of the colonies.
5. NE Particularly cold winters reduced the spread of disease in this region.
6. M Many different religious communities and nationalities settled in this tolerant region.
7. S Particularly hot summers led to outbreaks of malaria and yellow fever in this region.
8. NE The Puritan leadership restricted celebration of holidays in this region.
9. M Farming, logging, shipbuilding, and textile production allowed for the development of cities like Philadelphia in this region.
10. S Settlers who came to this region were not escaping religious persecution in England. They came to find land for farming and economic opportunities.
11. NE The economy of this region relied on fishing, whaling, trapping, shipbuilding, and logging.
12. S The economy of this region relied on cash crops like tobacco, sugarcane, and cotton.
13. NE Soil was generally rocky and frozen in the winter, making farming more difficult in this region.
14. S During the 1700s, Charleston, South Carolina, became a central port for the American slave trade in this region.
15. NE Religious leaders were very powerful in this region, and there were severe consequences for people who spoke out against the rules of the church-centered community or failed to attend church.
16. M Quakers, Catholics, Jews, Lutherans, and Presbyterians from many different countries across Europe settled in this region to escape persecution in their homelands.

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Creative Writing: Write a journal entry assuming the identity of a colonial settler starting a new life in one of the three regions. What do you like about the region? What are your struggles? What economic opportunities have you found?



Answers will vary.

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