

Southern Colonies: Graphic Organizer

During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, settlers from England established several different colonies along the southeastern coast of North America. Each colony had its own particular origin story, leaders, forms of government, and economy. Research each of the following colonies to complete the graphic organizer.

Virginia

Date of settlement	1607
Origin: Where was the first settlement?	Jamestown, along the James River
Leaders: Name two or three important leaders of the Virginia colony.	Sir Walter Raleigh, John Smith, John Rolfe, Thomas Dale, Thomas Gates, or others in your text
Government: What was colonial Virginia's first governing body called?	the House of Burgesses
Economy: What cash crops were grown in Virginia?	primarily tobacco and grain

Maryland

Date of settlement	1632
Origin: What religious group was promised safety in Maryland?	Catholics persecuted in England
Leaders: Who were the two founders and what title did they share?	George Clavert and his son Cecilius Clavert, both known as "Lord Baltimore" or "Baron Baltimore"
Government: What did Maryland's 1649 Act of Toleration do?	granted religious freedom to all settlers
Economy: What cash crops were grown in Maryland?	primarily tobacco, also other agricultural crops like corn

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Carolinas

Date of settlement	1663
Origin: Why did the British want a new colony south of Virginia?	to grow more cash crops and further establish England's dominance in the region
Leaders: Who were the Lords Proprietors?	a group of eight supporters of King Charles II who settled the Carolinas
Government: When did the Carolinas get split into two royal colonies? What were the new colonies called?	1729 - North Carolina and South Carolina
Economy: What cash crops were grown in Carolinas?	pine sap, tobacco, sugar, and rice

Georgia

Date of settlement	1733
Origin: Why did people who owed money in England want to come to Georgia?	They were offered land to farm as a way to earn money to pay off their debts back in England.
Leaders: Who was Georgia's first leader?	James Oglethorpe
Government: What are two things that were initially outlawed in Georgia but allowed in other southern colonies?	enslaving people and drinking alcohol
Economy: What cash crops were grown in Georgia?	primarily rice and indigo, a plant that is used to make dark blue dye

Bonus question:

Identify some of the Native American people British colonial settlers met in each of the southern colonies and explain significant interactions.

Answers will vary.