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Thirteen Colonies Study Guide



New England Colonies: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire

- cold, harsh winters and rocky soil made it difficult to grow crops
- natural products: lumber, fish, whales, furs
- industries: shipbuilding, whaling, fishing
- Puritans had a strict life style that focused on work and prayer, and they believed that games were a waste of time. - Puritans believed children should go to school so that everyone could learn to read the Bible
- Only free white men who owned property could vote!

Middle or Mid-Atlantic Colonies: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware

- nicknamed "Breadbasket Colonies"
- colonists came from all over to settle there
- grassy meadows and flat plains for farming
- cash crops: wheat, rye, corn
- Quakers settled in Pennsylvania- they believed in treating all people with fairness- were respectful of Native Americans



Southern Colonies: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia

- Georgia founded by James Oglethorpe to give debtors another chance, first capital of Georgia was Savannah
- mild climate and flat land that was good for farming
- cash crops: tobacco, rice, indigo, cotton
- industry: exported cash crops directly to Britain, not other colonies
- enslaved Africans worked on plantations (large farms)

Reasons Europeans came to America:

- religious freedom- self-government - opportunity to own land

♥**Mayflower Compact:** document signed by Pilgrims before getting off the Mayflower- set fair laws and created order for their colony

Colonial Occupations

♥**specialization:** mastering a skill to make a living

♥**apprentice:** a young person that learned a craft from a master artisan

- **cobbler**- made shoes and boots
- **baker**- made finished goods (breads) from farm products
- **blacksmith**- made iron goods, iron tools, and horseshoes
- **cooper**- made wooden barrels
- **tailor**- made and repaired clothes

Indentured Servants and Slaves

♥**Indentured Servants:** agreed to work for 5 - 7 years for no pay in exchange for a passage to America. Men, women, and sometimes children were indentured servants.

♥**Enslaved Africans:** men and women taken from Africa and forced to work for no pay. They had very poor living conditions. If the slaves had a child, the child also was forced to become a slave.

