The Colonial Regions
New England Colonies

- The New England Colonies were:
  - Massachusetts
  - Rhode Island
  - Connecticut
  - New Hampshire
New England Colonies

Settled by:
- Settlers came primarily from England – many Puritans with very strict religious laws and strong work ethic.

Basics:
- Small towns grew up around larger port cities that were ideal for shipping goods and products in and out of the colonies.
New England Colonies

- **Climate**
  - Cold
  - Short growing season

- **Terrain**
  - Rocky, hilly land, suitable only for small farms and family crops

- **Economy**
  - Because farming was not ideal, settlers relied on fishing, whaling, and shipbuilding to provide for their families.
ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NEW ENGLAND COLONIES

the New England Colonies consisted of subsistence farming, shipbuilding industries, cod industries, grain mills & saw mills, and lots of trade. All of these economic characteristics of the New England Colonies are tied to mercantilism some how.
Middle Colonies

The Middle Colonies were:

- New York
- New Jersey
- Delaware
- Pennsylvania
Middle Colonies

Settled by:

- Settlers of the Middle colonies were primarily English, but there was also a strong presence of Dutch, German, and Scots-Irish.
  - More diverse than any other colony (think of NYC today!)

Basics:

- The colony was a combination of rural farm areas, small towns, and cities.
Middle Colonies

- **Climate**
  - Temperate
  - Longer growing seasons

- **Terrain**
  - Rich soil and huge wheat fields gave the middle colonies the nickname “America’s breadbasket”

- **Economy**
  - Farming, manufacturing, mining, shipping and textiles
Southern Colonies

The Southern Colonies were:

- Maryland
- Virginia
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Georgia
Southern Colonies

Settled by:
- The Southern colonies were inhabited mostly by English, African, and Scots-Irish.

Basics:
- Few towns. Large plantations were common. Settlers grew tobacco, rice, cotton, sugar, and indigo.

- Plantation owners purchased slaves to harvest crops. As the plantation system grew, slavery spread throughout the region.
Southern Colonies

- **Climate**
  - Hot and humid
  - Longer growing season

- **Terrain**
  - Tidewater Region
  - Vast Coastal Plain areas

- **Economy**
  - Farming, large plantations
  - Forest products (naval stores)
5. Why weren’t there many large urban centers (cities) in the South?

Plantations were self-sufficient (produced most of the things they needed right on the plantations)