Comparing the Colonies

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SS4H3 The student will explain the factors that shaped British colonial America.

New England Colonies

- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- Connecticut
- Rhode Island

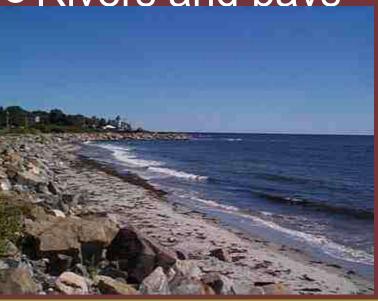




New England Geography

- Rocky soil
- Rocky beaches
- Mountains and valleys

Rivers and bays





New England Climate





- Warm summers
- Humid summers
- Bitterly cold, long winters

Snowy winters





New England Farming

- Poor soil, poor climate
- Poor natural features
- Crops could grow for 4-5 months

Small farms







New England Industry

 An industry is all of the businesses that make one kind of product or provide one kind of service.



 Because farming was so difficult in New England, many colonists <u>specialize</u> to earn a living.



Specialization

- When a person <u>specializes</u> in a job, he or she only does one thing instead of everything.
- A farmer specializes in what he grows.
- A saddler specializes in making horse saddles.
- A cooper specializes in making barrels.
- A wigmaker specializes in making wigs.



Trade







- A farmer <u>trades</u> the crop he's grown with someone else who has the good or service he needs.
- A trade can be done by <u>barter</u>. When two people barter, they trade two different things to meet their people

and wants.

 A trade can also be done by exchanging money for the or service.

Goods and Services

- GOODS
- Food
- Clothing
- Tools
- Animals
- Buildings
- Paper and pens
- Books
- Furniture
- Ships



- SERVICES
- Education
- Health care
- Protection
- Transportation
- Government
- Entertainment





Interdependence

 When people specialize, then they become interdependent. They need goods and services from each other.









How are the farmer, shoemaker, weaver, sailor, and ironworker interdependent?



- Worked the land according to the region
- Relied on family members for labor







Merchants

* Merchants were people who ran the business and did the trading.

* An apothecary was a merchant

who sold medicines.

* A milliner was a woman merchant who sold fabrics and clothing.

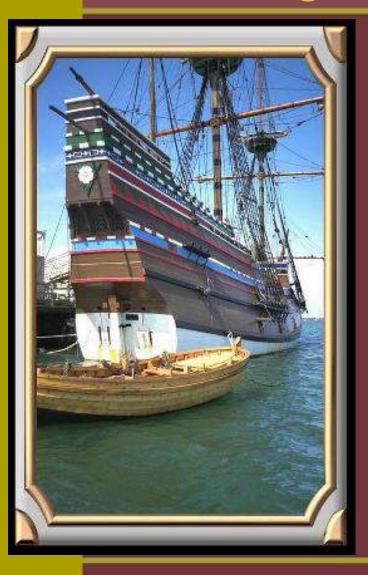


Harbors

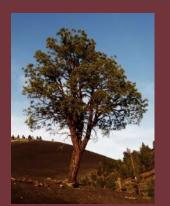


- For merchants to trade their goods, they needed a way to get their goods from one place to another.
- There weren't any trains, cars, or airplanes in colonial times.
- Ships were the most common method used to transport goods.
- Harbors were places where the ocean and land made a good port for ships.

New England Economics



- Many New Englanders specialized in fishing and shipbuilding.
- The rocky coast had many good harbors.
- Thick forests
 provided wood for building ships.





New England Economics

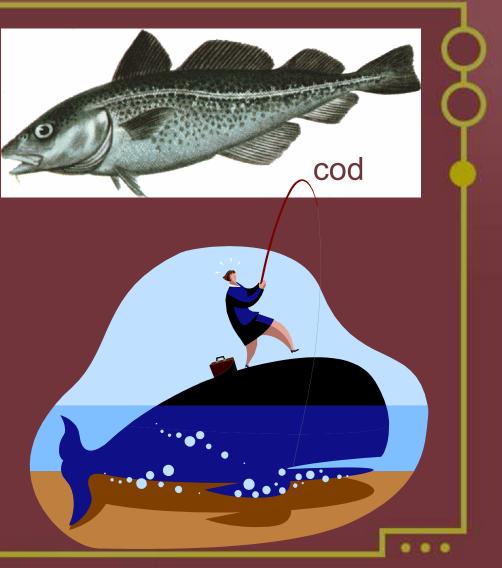
 Ships would come to the <u>port</u> to get the goods that New Englanders wanted to ship to England. This is called exporting.

 The ships would also bring in the goods from England to New England.
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New England Economics

The fish industry became very important.
 Cod was the most common fish caught.

 The whaling industry also was important because of the whale's oil.

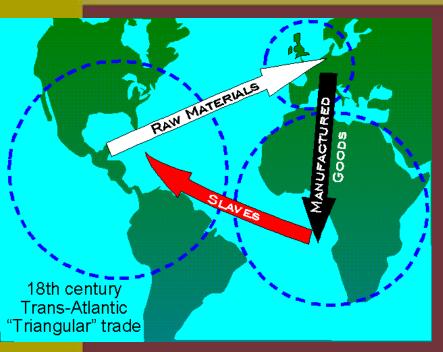


Opportunity Cost



- Opportunity cost is what it "costs" to give up the second best choice.
- The New England land was so poor for farming the colonists had to get food from the southern colonies.
- As a result, they developed many industries so that they had goods to trade for food.
- Their opportunity cost for having industry was the need to pay for food.

Triangle Trade Route



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The manufactured goods came to the colonies after they went to Africa. Africa was like a "pit stop."

- New England merchants <u>exported</u> goods to Europe.
- They traded these goods for imports to bring back to the colonies.
- Manufactured goods, tea, spices, and slaves were the most common imports.

Manufactured Goods

- A manufactured good is something that is made.
- Furniture, clothing, dishes, pots and pans, paper, plows, and tools are all examples of manufactured goods.
- Videos of how tools are used.



Triangular Trade Route

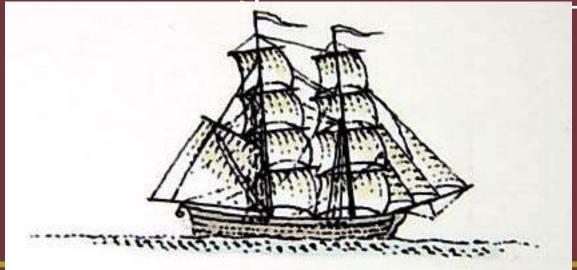


Textiles are things made from cloth: rugs, clothing, sheets, blankets, and so forth. Rum is an alcoholic drink made from sugarcane.

Middle Passage

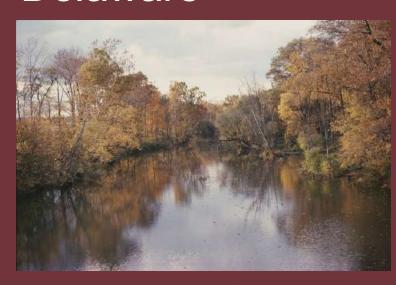
 The Middle Passage is the name that was given to the forced transportation of Africans to the Colonies.

 The Middle Passage was the middle part of the Triangular Trade Route.



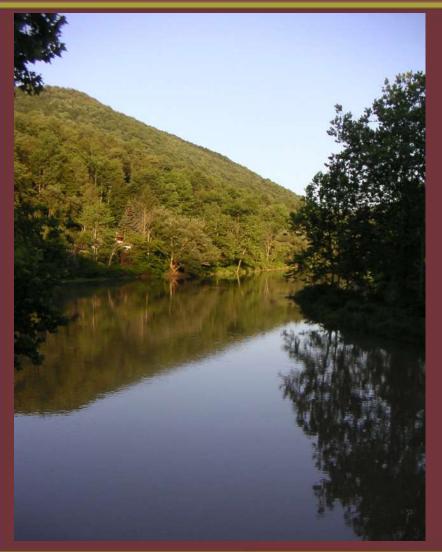
Middle Atlantic Colonies

- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Delaware





Middle Atlantic Geography



- Fertile soil
- Sandy beaches
- Rolling hills and Coastal AtlanticPlain
- Rivers and bays

Middle Atlantic Climate

- Warm summers
- Humid summers
- Cool to cold winters
- Sometimes snowy





Middle Atlantic Farming

- Very good farming region
- Much longer growing season than New England
- Many sunny days and plenty of rain
- Crops could grow for 5-7 months









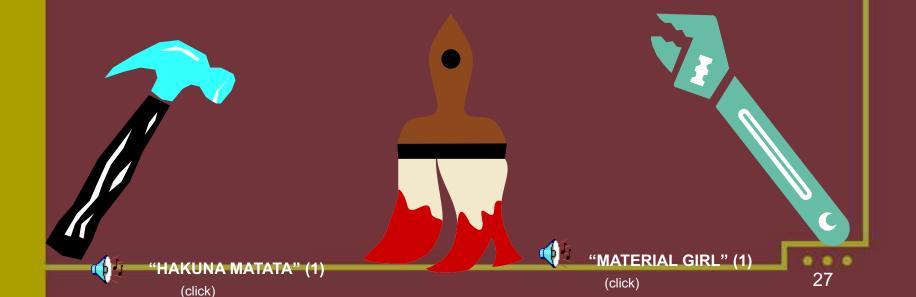


Middle Atlantic Industry

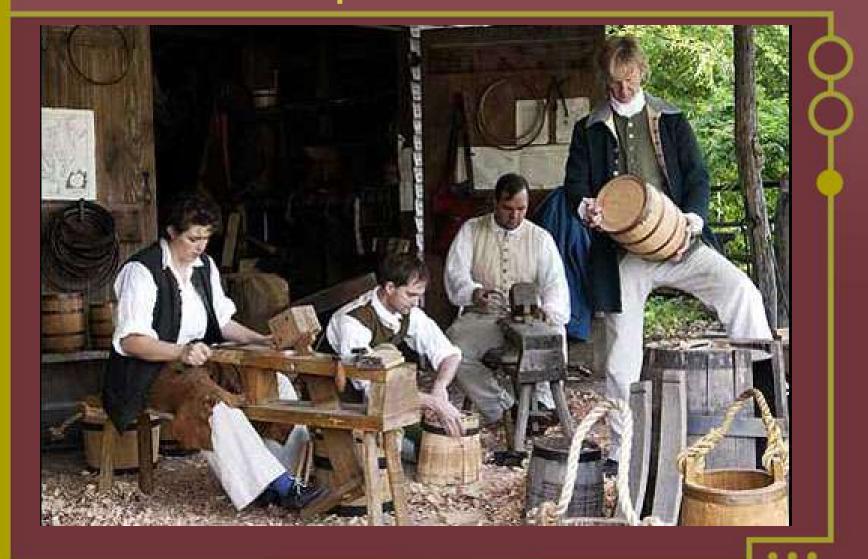
- Even though farming was more easy in the Middle Atlantic colonies than the New England colonies, people still <u>specialized</u> in various industries.
- An <u>artisan</u> was a skilled worker who uses tools and machinery in a particular craft.
- Some of these artisans included wigmakers, wheelwrights, gunsmiths, coopers, and weavers.



- Worked as craftsmen in towns and on plantations
- Lived in small villages and cities



Artisan: Cooper (Barrel maker)



Artisan: Gunsmith (Gun maker)



Artisan: Saddler (Saddle maker)



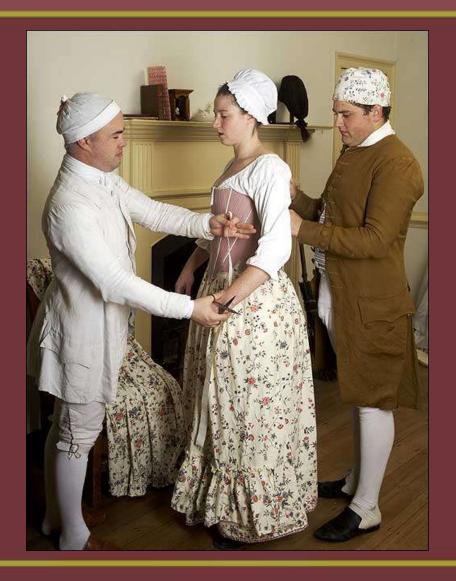
Artisan: Shoemaker





Artisan: Tailor (Clothing maker)

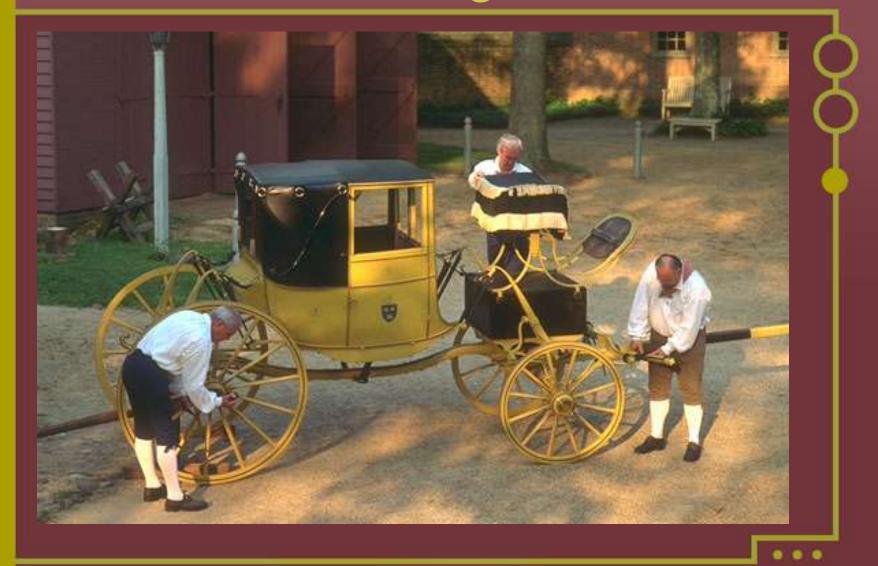




Artisan: Weaver (Cloth maker)



Artisan: Wheelwright (Wheel maker)



Artisan: Wigmaker



Middle Atlantic Economics

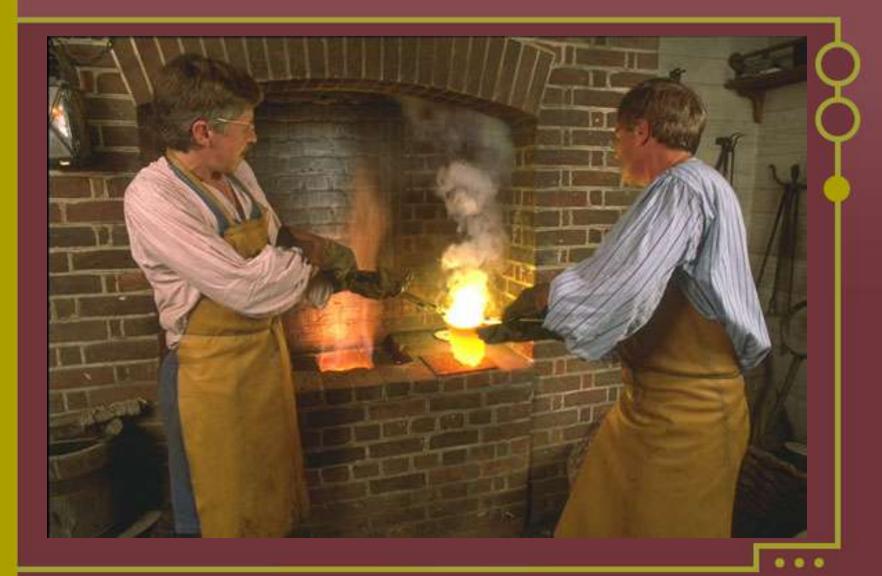
 Wide rivers and bays made excellent transportation routes for trade

 Iron working, shoes, glass, pottery, leather and wood goods all became



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Founder (Iron worker)



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Southern Colonies

- Maryland
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- North Carolina
- South Carolina

Georgia





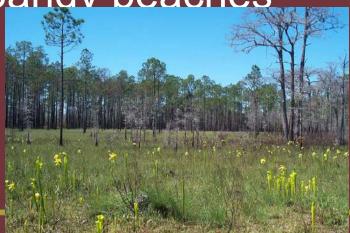
Southern Geography

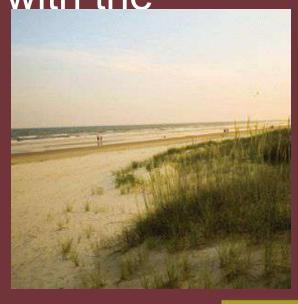
 Very watery with rivers, bays and wetlands

 Tidewater (water in rivers and streams rises and falls every day with the

ocean's tides)

Sandv beaches





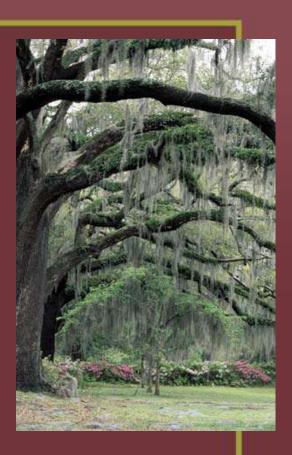
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Southern Climate

- Warm most of the year
- Just a little cooler for winter

Rarely any snow





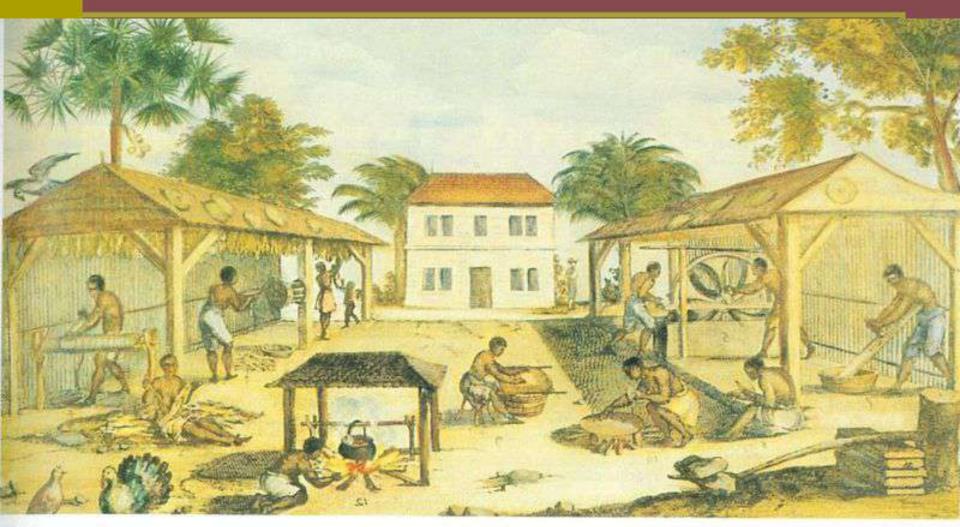
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Southern Farming

- Excellent for farming
- Many colonists grew cash crops
- Crops could grow for 7 or 8 months
- There was plenty of rain
- Very large farms were called plantations



Plantation



This 1670 painting shows enslaved Africans working in the tobacco sheds on a colonial tobacco plantation.

LARGE LANDOWNERS

Lived mainly in the South

 Relied on indentured servants and/or slaves for labor

- Were educated
- Rich social cultures





SLAVES



- Captured in Africa and shipped to colonies and sold
- Owned as property for life with no rights
- Children of slaves were born into slavery

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Cash Crops for Trade



cotton



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INDENTURED SERVANTS

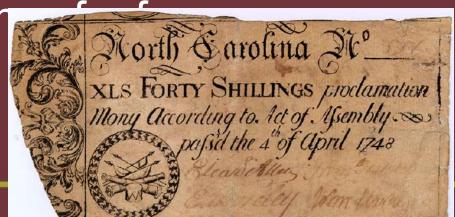
- Consisted of men and women who did not have money for passage to the colonies; they worked for passage
- Free at end of their (Usually 7 years)



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Southern Economics

- The waterways were excellent to ship crops to markets for trade
- Plantations needed many workers so slaves or indentured servants were needed
- Cash crops made the most mor



Opportunity Cost

- Southern colonists could grow wheat.
 But, the <u>opportunity cost</u> for growing wheat was high.
- Farmers who specialized in tobacco earned more money than farmers who grew wheat.
- So if a farmer grew wheat, a good food crop, he didn't earn as much if he had grown tobacco.

Comparing Geography

- New England: rocky, mountains
- Middle: fertile soil, sandy beaches, rolling hills and Atlantic Coastal Plain
- South: wetlands, tidewater, sandy beaches
- ALL: rivers and bays

Comparing Climate

- New England : warm summers, bitterly cold, snowy winters
- Middle: warm summers, cool to cold winters, sometimes snowy
- South: warm most of the year, just a little cooler for winter, rarely any snow
- ALL: humid

Comparing Farming

New England: very poor soil and climate, 4-5 months growing season, small farms that grew just enough for

own family

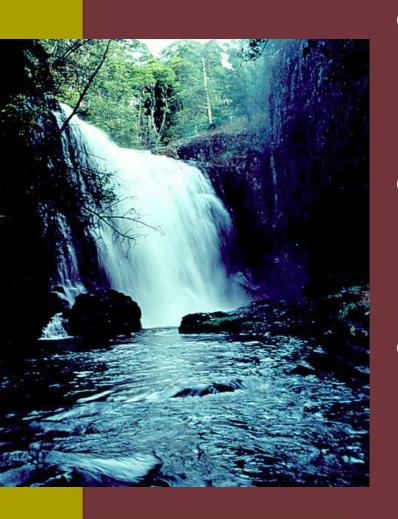
Middle: very good farming region, 5-7 months growing season, medium-sized farms



Comparing Economics

- New England: trees, fish and seafood provided the most natural resources for producing goods
- Middle: wide rivers and bays were great for transportation with excellent hunting and trapping
- South: plantations needed many workers and cash crops were shipped on the waterways

Fall Line



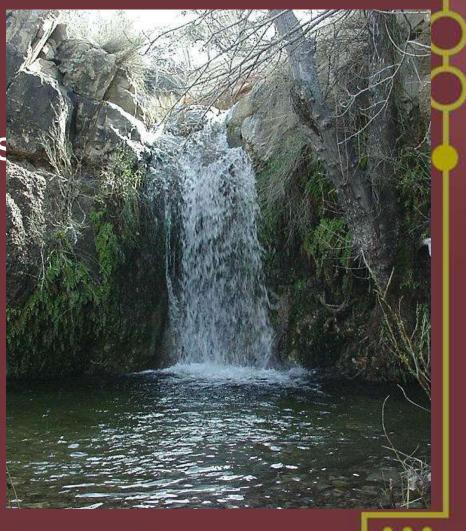
- The <u>fall line</u> is about 100 miles inland from the shore.
- Rivers from higher land flow to lower land and form waterfalls.
- The fall line follows the eastern edge of the Appalachians, from the Southern Colonies to

New England.

Fall Line

 The higher land on the other side of the fall line was known as the backcountry.

 The backcountry was "in back of" the area where most colonists settled.



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Fall Line and Mills

- The fall line provided an excellent place for settlers to build mills.
- A mill is a building that grinds wheat, rice, or corn grain into flour.
- The rushing water would turn a water wheel.
- The water wheel would turn an axle.
- The axle would run the machines that would power the mill to grind the grain.



Fall Line

Why are there so many big cities built along the fall line?



Ports

Why were so many where the harbors were?



Philadelphia



