

New England Colonies



Political

- Plymouth:
Mayflower
Compact
- Fundamental
Orders of
Connecticut

Economic

- Shipping
- Trade
- Whaling
- Lumber
- Shipbuilding

Geographic

- Rocky soil
- Harsh winter
- Forests
- Atlantic Ocean
- Harbors
- Rivers

Social

- Puritan
- Wealthy
- Urban areas
- Populated
- Rhode Island:
haven for those
who believed in
religious
freedom

Middle Colonies



Political

- William Penn founded Pennsylvania for Quakers
- Could make political decisions based on religious beliefs
- Equality

Economic

- Grew grains
- Long growing season
- Indentured Servants

Geographic

- Rich soil
- River valleys
- Mild winters
- Atlantic Ocean

Social

- Religious
- Populated
- Tolerant of religions and people

Southern Colonies



Political

- Salutary Neglect
- Virginia House of Burgesses

Economic

- Plantation System
- Cash crops: tobacco
- Slaves
- Mercantilism

Geographic

- Hot
- Humid
- Long growing season
- Short, mild winters
- Wide, slow rivers
- Fertile soil

Social

- Georgia: people in debt came here
- low population