Characteristics of the Southern Colonies

Physical Geography

* Warm and humid
* year-round growing season
* Tidewater - coastal lowland with swampy areas
* Piedmont - area of rolling foothills in between coast and mountains

Economic Activity/Farming –

* Tidewater - plantations–
  + Crops – tobacco, rice, sugar cane, indigo, later cotton
  + Crops required much labor - Slaves used as profit-producing labor
  + Work not done by owner
* Piedmont and Backcountry – small, subsistence farms
  + People must also hunt and gather to feed family

Where People Live -

* Plantations and subsistence -
  + self-sufficient - produce everything themselves
  + so few villages or towns develop
* Only city – Charleston - small

People

* Almost no middle class
* Planter Class -
  + small part of population
  + holds all political and economic power
* Most Southerners are subsistence farmers
* Africans are enslaved

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Physical Geography Remember to include all you know from Notes on Geography of Colonies

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