Fitzgerald Chart of Characteristic of Regions - Complete for New England

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| **Region** | **Settlement** | **Physical Geography** | **Farming** | **Economic Activity** | **People** | **Where People Live** |
| **New England**  Massachusetts  Rhode Island  Connecticut  New Hampshire | Puritans   * Want to be example of correct form of Christianity – “City on a Hill” * form Massachusetts Bay Company * get a charter * 1620 - 900 come in 11 ships that they own * by 1643 - 20,000 * many settlements * Boston - main settlement | * Hills and low mountains * Narrow coastal plains * Jagged coastline – natural harbors * Large areas covered with forest * Thin, rocky soil * Long winters – short growing season * Short summers * Near great fishing, whaling grounds | Subsistence Farming   * grow only enough to care for the family well * not able to grow a single crop just to sell for a profit | * Fishing * Whaling * Lumber * Shipbuilding * Trade/Merchants   + Buying and selling large quantities of goods between regions internationally | English Puritans   * Largest group - middle, upper middle class * many lawyers and merchants * seek to reform Church of England by setting example - "City on a Hill" * high literacy rate as believe all should read Bible | Towns - no cities, no villages   * Each church has a town * size limited - so all community members know each other * Town square surrounded by the church, some shops and some houses * Small farms circle the town |
| **Middle Colonies**  New York  Pennsylvania  New Jersey  Delaware | New York   * The Netherlands starts settlement – New Amsterdam   + at mouth of Hudson River   + most settlers aren’t Dutch * King’ brother, Duke of ***York***,   sends warships - middle of British coloies, trading with British colonies   * settlement surrenders - wants to be British colony   New Jersey split from New York  Pennsylvania - William Penn   * Wealthy - King gives colony to repay debt * Quakers - believe all humans equal * Colony a “Holy Experiment” – people of different religions live together in peace * Advertises all over Europe   Delaware split from Pennsylvania | * Atlantic coastal plains in the east * Appalachians Mountains in the west * Longer growing season * Fertile soil – well suited to wheat | Commercial Farming   * Cash crop – wheat * Pennsylvania called “America’s Breadbasket”   (Would have subsistence farmers, too) | * Commercial Farming   + Export wheat to New England and Europe * Mills   + Miller bought grain   + Ground grain into flour   + Sells flour for a profit * Trade /Merchants   + Buying and selling large quantities of goods between regions internationally | Diverse   * The Netherlands had settlers from all over in New York * Penn wanted people of different faith to live together and advertised for settlers all over Europe   People from   * England * Scotland * Wales * Ireland * Germany * The Netherlands * Switzerland * Sweden * France * Portugal | * Cities   + New York   + Philadelphia * Farms * Villages near farms |
| **The South** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **The Backcountry** |  |  |  |  |  |  |