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Worksheet - Characteristics of the Middle Colonies

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| Colonies  List the four colonies of the Middle Colonies from North to south. | Examine the map on page 80. List the four colonies in the Middle Colonies from north to south.   * New York * Pennsylvania * New Jersey * Delaware |
| Physical Geography  What physical feature is located along the eastern coast of the Middle Colonies?  What physical feature is located in the western part of the Middle colonies?  Name the physical feature New York is located along.  Name the physical feature Philadelphia is located along.  Name the physical feature that support farming in the Middle Colonies.  How does farming in the Middle Colonies compare to farming in New England? | On page 77, read the section entitled "Geography of the Middle Colonies."    What word is used to describe the southeastern section of Pennsylvania and the colony of New Jersey?   * lowland   What physical feature that we labeled on our physical map of North America do you think this is referring to?   * Atlantic Coastal Plains   What physical feature that we labeled on our map of North America is the opposite of this feature?   * Applachian Mountains   Based on our physical map of North America, where would this opposite physical feature be found in this region?   * In the Western part of this region   The city of Philadelphia and the city of New York are both located on what type of physical feature?   * A river that flows to the Atlantic Ocean   Name the specific feature each city is found on.   * New York - Hudson River * Philadelphia – Delaware River   The last paragraph on page 77 describes physical feature that are important to farmers.  List them.   * Climate - warmer * Longer growing season * Fertile soil – well suited to wheat   Given these physical feature, what does the textbook say about how farming in the Middle Colonies compares to farming in New England?   * Easier to farm than New England |
| Farming  Describe farming in the Middle Colonies. | On page 79, read the first paragraph under "Growth and Change."  Based on the physical features listed under physical geography, list the characteristics of farming in the Middle Colonies given in this paragraph.   * productive * grew more than they could use and sold the balance * top cash crop – wheat (sold to New England and Europe) * Pennsylvania called “America’s Bread Basket”   + ADD – average colonist ate a loaf of bread a day |
| Economic Activity  What type of farming produces just enough for the farm family to live on is called what type of?  What type of farming produces enough of its crop to feed the family and have enough left to sell?  Name two economic activities that developed from the farming of grain? | Based on the nickname given to this region, farming grain is obviously the main economic activity of this region, but other activities develop in direct relation to it.  The farms of New England produced only enough to feed the family on the farm.   * This type of farming is called subsistence farming.   The farms of the middle Colonies produced more than the farmer's family needed, so the farmer could sell the extra.   * The type of farming is called commercial farming.   If the Middle colonies grow more wheat than they needed, they must sell the rest to other regions.  What region do you know would need this good based on the fact that its farming is poor?   * New England   Wheat was not traded. First the wheat was processed into the commodity people used to make bread. This process was a second economic activity.    A waterwheel is turned by the current of a river [6].  Its waterwheel's axel is connected to a stone that turns when the waterwheel turns [3].  Grain is poured into a large collecting bin called a hopper [1] and a chute [2] funnels the grains onto the turning stone called a grindstone [3].  The ground grain becomes a powder and falls into a second chute [4] that funnels it into a sack or a barrel [5].  Name the commodity produced when grain is ground.   * flour   The man who does this work is called a   * a miller .   What kind of a person buys commodities from one place and sells them to people who need or want the in another place for a profit?   * merchant |
| Settlement  What nation originally settled the area that would become the colony of New York?  Give two reasons England was bothered by this colony being founded by this other nation?  How was New Jersey related to New York?  What group pf people founded Pennsylvania?  What did this group of people believe?  What was William Penn's goal for his colony?  How was the colony of Delaware related to the colony of Pennsylvania? | On pages 78, read the five paragraphs under the red heading "New York and New Jersey."  What nation originally settled the area that would become the colony of New York?   * The Netherlands   Give two reasons England was bothered by this colony being founded by this other nation?   * Separated Britain’s northern colonies from its southern colonies * Traded with Britains colonies – violated British law   Below list the four steps in the process that made this original colony a British colony.     * King gave all the Dutch lands in North America to his brother James * He had to conquer the territory * He sent a few warships * Dutch surrendered immediately   + ADD – few were actually Dutch and didn’t like Dutch rule – Sweden, France, Portuguese, English Puritans   How was New Jersey related to New York?   * Part of New York was split off to form it   On pages 78-79, read the eight paragraphs under the red heading "Pennsylvania and Delaware."  Pennsylvania was founded by William Penn, who was a Quaker.  Quakers believed that all people are directly linked to God, so they believe that all people are equal, including women  This led Quakers to speak out against slavery and to deal fairly with Native Americans .  Penn knew the king personally and received a charter to start his colony.  How large was the colony compared to England?   * Almost as large as England itself   The Quakers had been persecuted for refusing to support the Church of England.  But William Penn believed his colony was a "holy experiment" because his goal was to create a colony in which   * People from different religious backgrounds could live peacefully .   How was the colony of Delaware related to the colony of Pennsylvania?   * The settlers were from freedom. They didn’t want to send delegate to the distant assembly in Philadelphia, so penn gave them their own assembly and later let them becme a separate colony. |
| People  Name all the different places people in the Middle Colonies came from.  Because people in the Middle colonies came from so many different places, what word can be used to describe its population? | Review the reading you did about the settlement of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware to answer the following questions about the people of the Middle Colonies.  List the type of people who had settled in New Amsterdam.   * Swedish * French * Portuguese * English   What country attempted to take new Amsterdam by force but found that the people of New Amsterdam willingly surrendered?   * Britain   Because William Penn wanted to make Philadelphia a "city of brotherly Love," he wanted to attract a variety of people, so he printed pamphlets in several languages and distributed them throughout Europe as well as in England.  Many new settlers arrived. List the seven places they came from.   * England * Scotland * Wales * Ireland * Germany * The Netheralnds * Switzerland   Delaware was originally part of Pennsylvania but the people were from one particular place, and Penn let them break off and form their own colony.  Where were the settlers of Delaware from?   * Sweden     When a place has many different kinds of people, it is called ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­diverse . |
| Where do people live?  List the three places where people the Middle Colonies lived. | People who grew grain lived on their farms.  People who bought the grain and milled it into flour lived in villages near the farms.  People who bought the flour and shipped it to other regions for a profit lived in port cities.  The two biggest cities in the Middle Colonies were   * New York * New Jersey |
| Government  What type of government did William Penn establish in Pennsylvania and Delaware? | On page 79 when describing the formation of Pennsylvania, the government of the colony was described.  What type of government did William Pen create in both Pennsylvania and Delaware because he believed all people were equal?   * elected assembly   + ADD – assembly = a legislature |