Fitzgerald

Notes – Geography of the Colonies

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| Questions | Notes* Main idea
	+ Detail
		- Sub-details
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 | Additions and Corrections |
| Describe the relative location of the colonies.Name the 3 regions of the colonies. | Physical Geography of the 13 British Colonies* Relative Location and Regions of the Colonies
	+ Relative location – will put these on our map
		- To the east – the Atlantic Ocean
		- To the west – the Appalachian Mountains
		- To the north – France’s colony
		- To the south – Spain’s colonies
	+ Regions of the Colonies – based on physical geography and climate
		- New England
		- Middle
		- Southern
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| What shaped the geography of New England?What made farming difficult in new England? | Geography of New England* Shaped by glaciers
	+ Glaciers pushed soil south – into Middle region
	+ Like the blade of a bulldozer
* Soil – thin, rocky, sandy
	+ Crops did not grow well
* Climate – hot summers and long, cold winters
	+ Winters 5 months long
	+ So growing season short
* Trees and Hills also make farming difficult
 | * Can subsistence farm
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| What resources are used in new England? | Colonists in New England rely on other resources since farming not good* Trees
	+ Build houses
	+ Build boats
* Fish
* Whales
 | * Can subsistence farm
* Sell raw lumber
* Build anything with it, not just houses
* Build ships!!!!
* Best fishing and whaling grounds in the world
* Natural harbors
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| Describe the conditions that make farming good in Middle Colonies. | Middle Colonies’ dominant geographic feature is soil brought by glaciers* Farming excellent
	+ Soil – Rich and Deep
	+ Climate
		- Longer growing season than New England
		- Plenty of sun and rain
* Long wide rivers – allow transport of crops, goods
 | * Main crop WHEAT!!!!!
* Called “the Breadbasket”
* Colonists eat a loaf of bread a day
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| Describe the conditions that make farming so good in the South.Describe the three regions of the Southern colonies. | Southern Colonies have best conditions for farming* Rich soil
* Climate –
	+ Growing season 7-8 months long
	+ Warm most of year
* Three regions
	+ Tidewater region
		- Along coast
		- Rivers rise and fall with tide
	+ At Fall line – Piedmont
		- French for foothills
		- Waterfalls form boundary with Tidewater
	+ Backcountry – in the Appalachian Mountains
		- Steep
		- Heavily forested
		- Small farms - subsistence
		- Colonists also hunt and fish – hunter-gathers
 | Hillbilly - negative term for people who live in the Backcountry |



