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Notes – Geography of the Colonies

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| Questions | Notes   * Main idea   + Detail     - Sub-details     - Sub-details   + Detail     - Sub-details | 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 |  |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |



