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Test on Regions

* Be able to label a blank map of the colonies from memory.
  + Use a blank map, practice writing names of colonies from memory. Check spelling.
* Know the three regions of the colonies.
  + Practice listing them from memory.
* Be able to name the region a stated characteristics is in.
  + Quiz yourself. Cover the characteristics for each of the four topic and see of you can state the from memory.
* Be able to write a paragraph comparing the regions.
  + Compare economic activity in each region.
  + Compare where people live in each region.
* **Start tonight**. See where you stand.
* **Over the weekend**, have one long study session until you get it.
* **Monday and Tuesday** review at least a couple of times, making sure it is stored.
* **A good trick** is to study as you go to bed, as it stores well when you fall asleep.

**Characteristics of the Southern Colonies**

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| 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 | * 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 farms -   + 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 |

**Characteristics of New England**

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| Physical Geography | * Rocky coastline – natural harbors * Some of world’s richest fishing and whaling grounds * Forests * Soil – thin and rocky * Long winter * Hills and low mountains with narrow plains along Atlantic coast |
| Economic Activity | Tied to sea   * Merchants – involved in shipping and trade * Lumbering * Shipbuilding * Whaling * Fishing   Farming - subsistence |
| Where People Live | * Towns |
| People | * Founded by Puritans * Mostly English |

**Characteristics of the Middle Colonies**

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| Physical Geography | * Longer growing season * Fertile soil – suited to grain |
| Economic Activity | Commercial farming   * Farmer and his family work the land,   + sometimes with hired hand   + grow large fields of one crop to sell for a profit   + also feed self from farm * Main crop - grains - mostly wheat   + called “breadbasket”   + Mills grind grain into flour     - export flour to other regions     - colonists eat a loaf of bread a day |
| Where People Live | * Large farms with villages * Cities – Philadelphia, New York |
| People | Great diversity   * English - largest group * Germans – next largest * Also Dutch, Scots-Irish, Scandinavian * Africans -   + Some enslaved,   + Some free - worked to pay for freedom |