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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
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| 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
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| Where People Live  | * Plantations and subsistence farms -
	+ self-sufficient - produce everything themselves
	+ so few villages or towns develop
* Only city – Charleston - small
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| 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
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**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
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| Economic Activity  | Tied to sea* Merchants – involved in shipping and trade
* Lumbering
* Shipbuilding
* Whaling
* Fishing

Farming - subsistence |
| Where People Live  | * Towns
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| People | * Founded by Puritans
* Mostly English
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**Characteristics of the Middle Colonies**

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| Physical Geography | * Longer growing season
* Fertile soil – suited to grain
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| 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
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| Where People Live  | * Large farms with villages
* Cities – Philadelphia, New York
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| People | Great diversity* English - largest group
* Germans – next largest
* Also Dutch, Scots-Irish, Scandinavian
* Africans -
	+ Some enslaved,
	+ Some free - worked to pay for freedom
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