

Colonial Regions WebQuest

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Introduction

“Come see what the thirteen colonies has to offer you!”

Colonial America was a time in history that provided many new and exciting opportunities for the Europeans. People were hearing about America and were taking risks to come and settle in these new colonies. This land was divided into three colonial regions:

- New England Colonies
- Middle Colonies
- Southern Colonies

People settled in these regions and specific colonies for a variety of reasons including different job opportunities, climate and geography, and freedom of region.

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Task

You are a retired explorer who has made several voyages to the American colonies. Because of your experience, your expertise is needed immediately! Several ships are preparing to set sail next year to take people from England to America. However, these people are still unsure of where to settle in the 13 colonies. They are hiring you and your exploration team to return to the colonies, thoroughly research each region, and report what you find.

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Process

1. Research each region using the selected [websites](#).
2. Use the “Colonial Regions” [organizer](#) to record and organize your findings.
3. After you are done researching each region, you will be choose one colony to represent. You will create a product of your choice (Powerpoint, brochure, newspaper advertisement, PicCollage, etc.) that will persuade others to settle in your colony.

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New England Colonies:

<http://brt.uoregon.edu/cyberschool/history/ch04/regions.html>
<http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/newenglandladnandtrades.htm>
<http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/newenglandliving.htm>
<http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/climateofthethrreecolonise.htm>
http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/00_01/CA/13c6.htm
http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/00_01/CA/13c7.htm
<http://www.ushistory.org/us/3.asp>
<http://mrnussbaum.com/new-england-colonies/>

Middle Colonies:

http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/00_01/CA/13c8.htm
http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/00_01/CA/13c9.htm
<http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/climateofthethrreecolonise.htm>
<http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/landofthemiddlecolonies.htm>
<http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/lifeinmiddlecolonies.htm>
<http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/foodandchores.htm>
<http://mrnussbaum.com/mid-atlantic-colonies/>

Southern

http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/00_01/ca/13cB.htm
<http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/farminginsouth.htm>
http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/00_01/CA/13cB.htm
<http://brt.uoregon.edu/cyberschool/history/ch04/regions.html>
<http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/climateofthethrreecolonise.htm>
<http://www.history.org/Almanack/life/trades/tradehdr.cfm>
<http://mrnussbaum.com/southern-colonies/>

Other Helpful Websites:

<http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/13colonies2.htm>
<http://mrnussbaum.com/13colonies/13regions>

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		Reasons for Founding	Geography	Economy	Government
New England Colonies	MA				
	RI				
Middle Colonies	NY				
	PA				
Southern Colonies	MD				
	GA				

Product

After completing this WebQuest, you will create a product that will be used to persuade new colonists to settle in their colony. You can create a Powerpoint, a PicCollage, a newspaper advertisement, a brochure, etc. You must include the things that make your colony different than the others and why it is the best place for a new colonist to settle.

Also include:

- Reasons your colony was originally founded (settled)
- Your colony's geographical features (what does the land look like, what type of climate, etc.)
- What do people in your colony do for jobs (trades)?
- What type of government do they have?

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