



The Thirteen Colonies to the 1700s



Economic Activities

New England colonies

Massachusettsshipbuilding, shipping, fishing, lumber, rum, meat products

New Hampshireship masts, lumber, fishing, trade, shipping, livestock, foodstuffs

Connecticutrum, iron foundries, shipbuilding

Rhode Islandsnuff, livestock

Middle colonies

New Yorkfurs, wheat, glass, shoes, livestock, shipping, shipbuilding, rum, beer, snuff

Delawaretrade, foodstuffs

New Jerseytrade, foodstuffs, copper

Pennsylvaniaflax, shipbuilding

Southern colonies

Virginiatobacco, wheat, cattle, iron

Marylandtobacco, wheat, snuff

North Carolinanaval supplies, tobacco, furs

South Carolinarice, indigo, silk

Georgiaindigo, rice, naval supplies, lumber

GEOGRAPHY SKILLBUILDER

1. Location What geographical feature determined the western boundaries of the Southern and Middle colonies?

2. Region How did the New England and Middle colonies' economies differ in general from the economy of the South? What may have accounted for this difference?

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| | New England colonies |
| | Middle colonies |
| | Southern colonies |
| | Other British possessions |
| | French possessions |
| | Spanish possessions |

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