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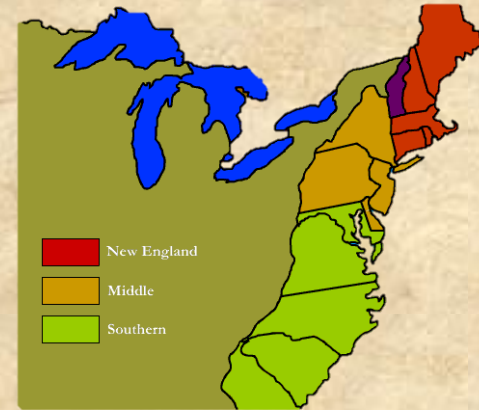


Introduction

“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.





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.





Process

1. Research each region using the selected websites and your social studies book.
2. Use the “Colonial Regions” organizer to record and organize your findings.
3. After you are done researching each region, you and 3 other group members will be assigned to one colony. You will create a billboard that will persuade others to settle in your colony. Each of you will have a role to play in or
4. Use the rubric to help you guide and evaluate your project.



Evaluation

Social Studies: Chapter 7- “Comparing the Colonies” Colonial Billboard Rubric

Goal: Your group will work together to create a billboard that is designed to persuade others to settle in your colony.	Points Earned	Possible Points
Criteria for this presentation includes:		
Slogan	-----	-----
<input type="checkbox"/> Slogan is relevant to the important features of the colony	5	
<input type="checkbox"/> Slogan is creative and/or catchy	5	
Visuals	-----	-----
<input type="checkbox"/> Four visuals appear on the billboard	4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visuals chosen for the billboard reinforce qualities and important characteristics of the colony	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visuals are easy to see	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visuals are colorful and visually appealing	2	
Sales Presentation	-----	-----
<input type="checkbox"/> The speaker is knowledgeable about the colony and provides specific historical information	5	
<input type="checkbox"/> A memorable sales gimmick (jingle, etc.) is used	5	
<input type="checkbox"/> The presentation is organized and has been practiced	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation is persuasive and provides reasons why people should want to settle in that colony	2	
Overall Aesthetics	-----	-----
<input type="checkbox"/> Billboard is colorful	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Words are written neatly and sized appropriately	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information is organized and easy to read	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Overall conventions (capitalization, punctuation, spelling, etc.)	5	
Project Total	45	pts



Research Organizer

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



Websites

New England Colonies:

- <http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/newenglandcoloniesresearchpage.htm>
- http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/00_01/CA/13c1.htm
- <http://www.ushistory.org/us/3.asp>
- <http://www.slideshare.net/ezlee2/the-new-england-colonies>

Middle Colonies:

- http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/00_01/CA/13c9.htm
- http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/00_01/CA/13c2.htm
- <http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/middlecolonies.htm>

Southern Colonies:

- http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/00_01/ca/13c3.htm
- <http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/southerncoloniespage.htm>

Other Helpful Websites:

- <http://www.columbia.k12.mo.us/pke/phillips/colonies/climateofthethreecolonise.htm>
- <http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/ushistory/13colonies2.htm>
- <http://americanhistory.about.com/library/charts/blcolonial13.htm>
- <http://www.mrnussbaum.com/13colonies/13regions.htm>



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Conclusion

After completing this WebQuest, students will be knowledgeable about the similarities and differences of the New England, Middle, and Southern regions of the 13 colonies. They will discover the reasons why colonists chose particular areas to settle such as available jobs, religion, climate, natural resources, and government. By comparing and contrasting the three different colonial regions, students will have gained a better understanding of the positive and negative aspects of each region.

