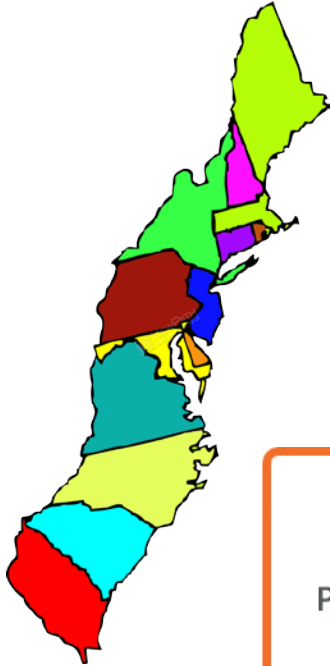


## NEW ENGLAND, MIDDLE, AND SOUTHERN COLONIES

### Where were the Thirteen Colonies located?

The Thirteen American colonies belonging to Great Britain were located along the eastern coast of what is now the United States of America. The colonies were divided into three groups, based on their locations and their economies.



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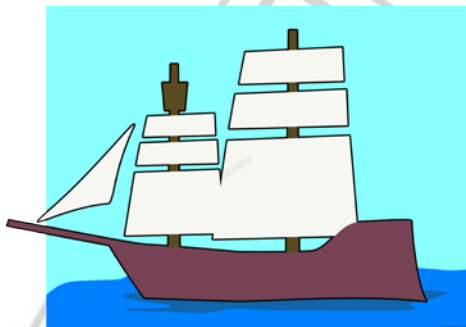
### The New England

**Location:** in the upper, or northern, part of the Thirteen Colonies

**Colonies:** Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island

**Land:** rocky soil, hilly land, and short growing season

**Economy:** based on fishing, trading, and shipbuilding



**Major Port:** Boston

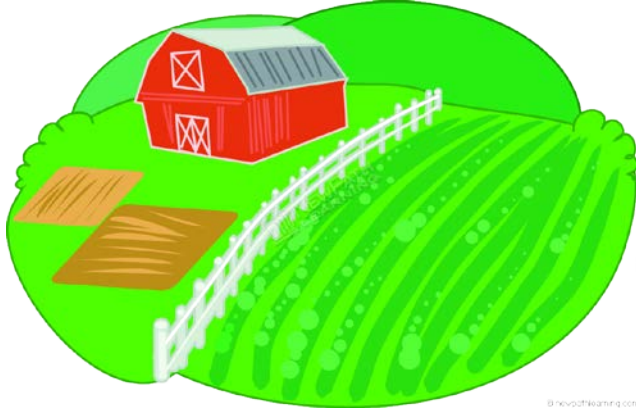
**Other Important Information:** Towns were built around a central area called the common.

## The Middle Colonies

**Location:** between the New England Colonies and the Southern Colonies

**Colonies:** Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and New York

**Land:** Soil was better than the soil in the New England Colonies, so some people lived and worked on farms.



**Economy:** based on farming and manufacturing

**Major Ports:** New York City and Philadelphia

**Other Important Information:** leather goods like shoes and hats

weapons, glass, and



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Carolina

## The Southern Colonies

**Location:** in the southern part of the United States

**Colonies:** Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina

**Land:** fertile soil

**Economy:** based on farming

**Major Ports:** Charleston, Savannah, and Baltimore

**Other Important Information:** Large farms located in the Southern Colonies were known as **plantations**. On plantations, crops like rice, indigo, and tobacco were grown. Because of the sizes of their plantations, many Southerners relied on slave labor to farm their land. Slaves were people who were captured in Africa and forced to work for free.





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