The 13 English Colonies
Government in the 13 Colonies

• The English King established the Colonies with a charter and appointed a governor.

• In general, the Colonies had self-government. They had assemblies, and town hall meetings to write laws.
The Southern Colonies

- The Southern Colonies were Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.
- Many wealthy English families established Plantations (large farms) throughout the South.
The Southern Economy

- **Agriculture** dominated the South.
- Some Southerners were small farmers, but large farms, called **plantations**, controlled Southern life.
- The plantations relied on **slave labor**.
Slavery

• In North America starting in 1619.
• Slavery ended in the USA in 1865 with a change to the Constitution.
The New England Colonies

- The New England Colonies were New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island.
- The Pilgrims and Puritans created the Massachusetts Bay Colony to practice their religion.
- Plymouth was the first colony in 1620.
New England’s Economy

- New England had jobs in **fishing, whaling, and ship building**.
- New Englanders worked on **small farms** or lived and worked in cities like **Boston**.
- New England had mostly **free workers or small farmers**.
The Middle Colonies

- The Middle Colonies were New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey.
- Settlers came for business opportunities, trade, religious freedom, and farming.
- Many different groups of people settled the Middle Colonies, creating great diversity.
Economy of the Middle Colonies

- Agriculture, trade, shipping, lumber, and mining created a diverse economy.
- Their labor included free workers, indentured servants, and sometimes slaves.
- Philadelphia grew to be the largest city in the 13 Colonies.
Review

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Review Answers

• The religious group are the Puritans.
• New Englanders fished, whaled, farmed, and traded.
• Settlers came to the Middle Colonies to start businesses and farms, and for religious freedom.
• The Middle Colonies were diverse because many different groups of people settled there. They also had a lot of different jobs.
• Plantations dominated southern life.
• Southern plantations had slave labor.