


**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE THREE COLONIAL REGIONS**  
**(A strong belief in private ownership of property and free enterprise characterized colonial life.)**

COMPLETE CHART BY USING THE INFORMATION IN VUS 2 AND 3 STANDARDS. USE THIS CHART TO DESCRIBE COLONIAL LIFE IN THE COLONIES.

COLONIES	EARLY SETTLEMENTS (2)	ECONOMICS (2 and 3)	SOCIAL (3)
NEW ENGLAND COLONIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>settled by _____ seeking _____</li> <li>sought _____ and practiced a form of _____ through town meetings</li> <li>_____ community— Mayflower Compact and Puritan beliefs; were often intolerant of those not sharing their religion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>shipbuilding</li> <li>_____</li> <li>lumbering</li> <li>_____ farming</li> <li>Later— _____</li> </ul> <p>The colonies prospered partly due to the Puritans' beliefs in hard work and _____.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>society based on _____ standing</li> <li>Puritans intolerant of _____ who challenged Puritan's belief in the connection between religion and government</li> <li>_____ was founded by dissenters fleeing persecution from Puritans in Massachusetts</li> </ul>
MIDDLE COLONIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>settled by immigrants (chiefly English, Dutch, and German) seeking _____ and _____</li> </ul> 	<p>New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_____</li> <li>small scale _____</li> <li>skilled _____, entrepreneurs, and small farmers</li> </ul> <p>Cities such as New York and _____, grew as seaports and commercial centers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>home to multiple religious groups— _____ in Pennsylvania, _____ and Jews in New York, and _____ in New Jersey who often believed in religious tolerance</li> <li>more flexible social structures</li> <li>developed a _____ class of skilled artisans, entrepreneurs and small farmers</li> </ul>
VIRGINIA AND SOUTHERN COLONIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>settled by people looking for economic opportunity               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English _____ with large land grants from the King of England; some known as "cavaliers"</li> <li>_____ servants</li> <li>poor English immigrants desiring a better life</li> </ul> </li> <li>_____ (1607) —first permanent English settlement in North America; established by the Virginia Company of _____ as a business venture</li> <li>Virginia House of Burgesses— first elected _____ in New World was established by 1640s; still functions today and is known as the _____</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eastern coastal lowlands had large _____ (with cash crops— _____, rice, _____ for export to Europe)</li> <li>further inland in the mountains and valleys of the Appalachian foothills, the economy was based on small scale _____, _____ and trading</li> <li>poor English immigrants worked as small farmers or artisans in the Shenandoah Valley or western Virginia</li> <li>indentured servants worked on _____ plantations to pay for their passage to the New World</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>society based on family status and _____</li> <li>_____ landowners in eastern lowlands dominated colonial government and society</li> <li>maintained allegiance to _____ and closer social ties to England</li> <li>further inland in the mountains and valleys, society was characterized by small subsistence farmers, hunters and traders of _____ and _____ descent</li> </ul>