

# Life in the American Colonies

For this section, refer to **Chapter 4, Section 4** in your textbook.

**Part 1:** Answer the questions below.

You may read the section with the questions before you, or research each question individually. As you read, think about the benefits (good things) and detriments (bad things) about living in each colony.

**1.** This colony grew rapidly because its proprietor limited his own power, sold land at low prices, and promised religious freedom to all Christians.

South Carolina       Georgia       New Jersey       Pennsylvania

**2.** African laborers probably taught the people in this colony how to raise rice in the 1690s.

North Carolina       Maryland       Georgia       South Carolina

**3.** This colony made restricting the religious rights of Christians a crime.

New Jersey       Maryland       Pennsylvania       North Carolina

**4.** The center of the fur trade in this colony was New Amsterdam, on Manhattan Island.

New Netherland       South Carolina       Georgia       Pennsylvania

**5.** The capital of this colony was laid out in a checkerboard pattern that was widely copied.

New York       Maryland       Pennsylvania       North Carolina

**6.** James Oglethorpe outlawed slavery in this colony and limited the size of land grants.

New Jersey       Maryland       New Netherland       Georgia

**7.** This colony had no towns or churches until the early 1700s.

North Carolina       Georgia       New Netherland       New York

**8.** The proprietors of this colony were Sir George Carteret and Lord John Berkeley.

New York       Pennsylvania       New Jersey       Maryland

**9.** This colony was founded as a place for English citizens who had been jailed for debt.

Georgia       Maryland       North Carolina       South Carolina

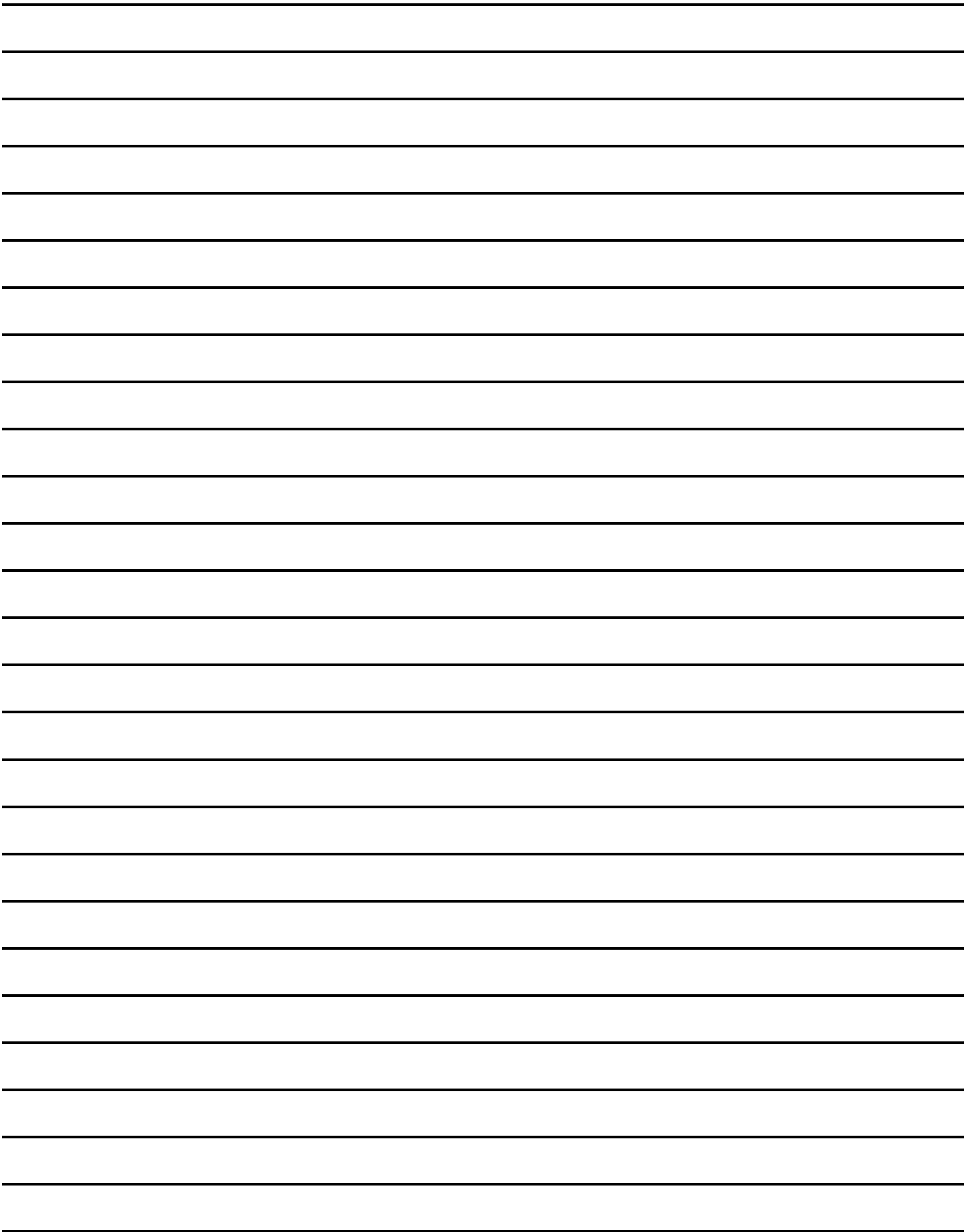
**10.** This colony was taken over by the English and renamed New York.

Pennsylvania       New Netherland       New Jersey       North Carolina

**Part 2:** On the back of this page (or on a separate sheet of paper), respond to the following prompt:

It's 1751, and you're about to leave England for a new life in the American colonies. **Which colony would you choose** as the location of your new life, and **why would you choose it?**

You may create an entire persona (job, education, personal history), but be sure to introduce yourself as such. Or, just write as if it's the 2008 version of you, dropped into 1751 with a cross-Atlantic trip ahead of you.





On the map on the previous page, chart the features below. You may use your textbook, student agenda, or any other resources in your possession. (Hint: Nearly all cities are noted in the little caption maps throughout chapters four and five.)

Chart the following:

The thirteen original colonies. If you don't know them, find them in your book.

**Cities and towns**

New Haven, CT  
Wilmington, DE  
Savannah, GA  
Portsmouth, NH  
Trenton, NJ  
Boston, MA  
Salem, MA  
Plymouth, MA  
Philadelphia, PA  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Albany, NY  
New York, NY  
Newport, RI  
Charleston, SC  
Jamestown, VA  
Norfolk, VA  
Richmond, VA  
Williamsburg, VA

**Bodies of water/physical features**

Appalachian Mountains  
Atlantic Ocean  
Cape Cod  
Chesapeake Bay  
Connecticut River  
Cumberland River  
Lake Erie  
Long Island  
Hudson River  
Lake Huron  
James River  
Ohio River  
Lake Ontario  
Potomac River  
Savannah River  
St. Lawrence River  
Susquehanna River  
Tennessee River

Now answer the following:

1. What do most early American settlements have in common geographically?
2. Using the scale on the map, approximately how many miles is it from Savannah to Boston?
3. If a horse walks at a pace of roughly five miles per hour, and a horse can walk for ten hours per day, how long would it take to ride a horse from Savannah to Boston?
4. If, in 2008, a car averages 50 MPH at twelve hours per day, how long would it take to get from Savannah to Boston by car?
5. What does this geography tell you about the differences between New England and Southern Colonies in the colonial era?