

The New England Colonies

	Massachusetts	New Hampshire	Rhode Island	Connecticut
Founders/Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Bradford (1620 Pilgrims) • John Winthrop (1630 Puritans) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Wheelright (1638) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger Williams • Anne Hutchinson (1644) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Hooker (1636)
Reasons Founded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Escape religious persecution in England (Religious) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Escape religious persecution in Massachusetts (Religious) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Escape religious persecution in Massachusetts (Religious) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Escape religious persecution in Massachusetts (Religious)
People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separatists known as Pilgrims and Puritans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British, Scottish, Irish • Native Americans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europeans • Native Americans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dutch and Swedish • Native Americans
Climate and Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbors • Rocky soil, heavy forest, fertile land • Bitter cold winters, warm and humid summers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavily forested • Bitter cold winters with mild summers • Rocky, fertile soil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rocky Soil • Colder Winters, short but humid summers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilly and Forested • Colder Winters, short but humid summers
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipping & Ship building • Fur • Lumber • Fishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing, whaling • Shipping & Ship building • Fur • Lumber • Rum-making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipping • Subsistence Farming • Livestock and dairy farms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing, whaling • Shipping & Ship building • Subsistence Farming • Livestock and dairy farms
Religious Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lives centered around religious worship and the church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious freedom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious freedom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious freedom
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town meetings (self-government) • Laws based on religious beliefs • Only white men in good standing with the church could vote 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Assembly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Meeting • Governor and General Assembly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Meeting • Fundamental Orders of Connecticut (first written constitution)

The Middle Colonies

(The Breadbasket Colonies)

	New York	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Delaware
Founders/Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dutch Settlers (1624) • English (after military take-over) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lord Berkley (1664) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Penn (1681) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dutch Settlers • English(after military take-over)
Reasons Founded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profit (Economic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profit and Trade (Economic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Escape from religious persecution in England (Religious) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profit and Trade (Economic) • Religious Freedom (Religious)
People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed Europeans (ethnic diversity/melting pot) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed Europeans (ethnic diversity/melting pot) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quakers and other religious groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dutch • Swedish • English
Climate and Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbors • Fertile soil but had trees and rocks • Hot humid summers, bitter cold winters • Moderate growing season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cold winters and hot, humid summers • Longer growing season than New York 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fertile land with heavy forests • Hot, humid summers, cold winters • Land contains iron ore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cool winters and mild/warm summers • forests
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers ("Breadbasket Colonies") • Merchants and tradesmen • Fur • Lumber • Shipping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishing • No natural harbor so not as much trade as NY • Small farms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farms that produced grains ("Breadbasket Colonies") • Dairy cattle • Merchants and tradesmen • lumber 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lumber • Fishing
Religious Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious toleration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious toleration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious toleration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious toleration
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor appointed by the King of England 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A royal colony where colonists made their own local laws (self-government) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political freedom and self-government • Representative assembly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate colony supervised by Pennsylvania's governor

The Southern Colonies

	Maryland	Virginia	North & South Carolina	Georgia
Founders/Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lord Baltimore (1632) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Smith (Virginia Company 1607) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eight Lords who were friends with King Charles II (1663) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Oglethorpe (1732)
Reasons Founded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Freedom for Catholics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment to make money 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given as a political gift 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New start for debtors who were in prison
People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europeans seeking cheap land • African slaves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europeans • Indentured servants • African slaves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debtors • Europeans • African slaves
Climate and Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chesapeake Bay was surrounded by fertile land • Cold winters, hot and humid summers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild winters, hot summers • Flat, fertile land • Swampy in the east; wooded mountains in the west 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild winters, hot summers • Flat, fertile land • Swampy in the east; wooded mountains in the west 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild winters, hot summers • Flat, fertile land • Swampy in the east; wooded mountains in the west
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farms that raised grains, tobacco, flax • fishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crops such as tobacco, cotton, indigo and rice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crops such as tobacco, cotton, indigo and rice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crops such as tobacco, cotton, indigo and rice
Religious Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tolerant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church of England 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tolerant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tolerant
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • elected representatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House of Burgesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ruled by the King 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • elected representatives to Common House of Assembly