

A Picture of Colonial America Project

Directions: Divide your poster into four even sized sections, in each section draw an image or images that summarize the material to master for each of the colonial regions below.

II. In the 17th century, early British colonies developed along the Atlantic coast, with regional differences that reflected various environmental, economic, cultural, and demographic factors.

A) **The Chesapeake** and North **Carolina** colonies grew prosperous exporting tobacco — a labor-intensive product initially cultivated by white, mostly male indentured servants and later by enslaved Africans.

B) The **New England** colonies, initially settled by Puritans, developed around small towns with family farms and achieved a thriving mixed economy of agriculture and commerce.

C) The middle colonies (**Mid-Atlantic**) supported a flourishing export economy based on cereal crops and attracted a broad range of European migrants, leading to societies with greater cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity and tolerance.

D) The colonies of the **southernmost** Atlantic coast and the British West Indies used long growing seasons to develop plantation economies based on exporting staple crops. They depended on the labor of enslaved Africans, who often constituted the majority of the population in these areas and developed their own forms of cultural and religious autonomy.

E) Distance and Britain's initially lax attention led to the colonies creating self-governing institutions that were unusually democratic for the era. **The New England** colonies based power in participatory town meetings, which in turn elected members to their colonial legislatures; in the **Southern** colonies, elite planters exercised local authority and also dominated the elected assemblies.

III. Competition over resources between European rivals and American Indians encouraged industry and trade and led to conflict in the Americas.

C) Interactions between European rivals and American Indian populations fostered both accommodation and conflict. French, Dutch, British, and Spanish colonies allied with and armed American Indian groups, who frequently sought alliances with Europeans against other Indian groups.

E) British conflicts with American Indians over land, resources, and political boundaries led to military confrontations, such as Metacom's War (King Philip's War) in New England.

Terms that must be addressed:

- Virginia Company of London
- Jamestown/Virginia Colony
- Tobacco
- Indentured Servants
- Anglo-Powhatan Wars
- Act of Religious Toleration 1649
- Bacon's Rebellion
- Puritans
- House of Burgesses
- Slavery
- Stono Rebellion
- Half-Way Covenant
- Praying Towns
- King Phillips War
- New Amsterdam
- The New England Way

Rubric:

	33-27pts each	26-20pts	19-13pts	13-7 pts	6-0 pts
Comprehensive	Includes ALL material to master and terms	Missing 3 to 9 required elements	Missing 10 to 15 required elements	Missing 16 to 18 required elements	Missing more than 18 elements
Demonstrates understanding	Details of material to master and terms drawn in correct region in a way that clearly demonstrates understanding without verbal explanation	Does not demonstrate understanding of 3 to 9 elements	Does not demonstrate understanding of 10 to 15 elements	Does not demonstrate understanding of 16 to 18 elements	Does not demonstrate any understanding
Craftsmanship	Is neat and easy to understand	Messy but understandable	Difficult to understand due to poor craftsmanship	Impossible to understand	Not drawings