

COLONIES	REASONS FOR SETTLEMENT	ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES
New England Colonies	Escape religious persecution; establish Puritan society; establish fur trade	Fishing; lumber; shipbuilding; whaling; trade; fur trade; farming
Middle Colonies	Expansion; trade; religious freedom and tolerance	Trade; farming; lumber; fur trade; shipbuilding
Southern Colonies	Search for gold; religious freedom and tolerance; land wealth; small farm ownership; escape debt	Tobacco, rice, and indigo crops; lumber; trade