



Economies of Colonial America

Using Evidence

Aim

What made the economies of the northern, southern, and middle colonies different?

STUDENT CHECKLIST

To achieve the aim listed above you will have to complete this assignment. Keep track of your work using the checklist below:

- Figure 1 - Chart
- Figure 2 - Chart
- Figure 3 - Chart
- Analysis Questions: 1 - 5
- Analysis Questions: Matching

Analysis of the Economies of the 13 Colonies

Directions: The attached graphs illustrate the **exports [goods that are produced to sell for a profit]** of each colonial region.

1. *Review each graph carefully.*
2. *Fill out the table below each graph to gather your thoughts.*
3. *Use the information in the graphs to answer the analysis questions that follow.*

Use the map below as a reference if needed while moving through this activity.

Three Colonial Regions

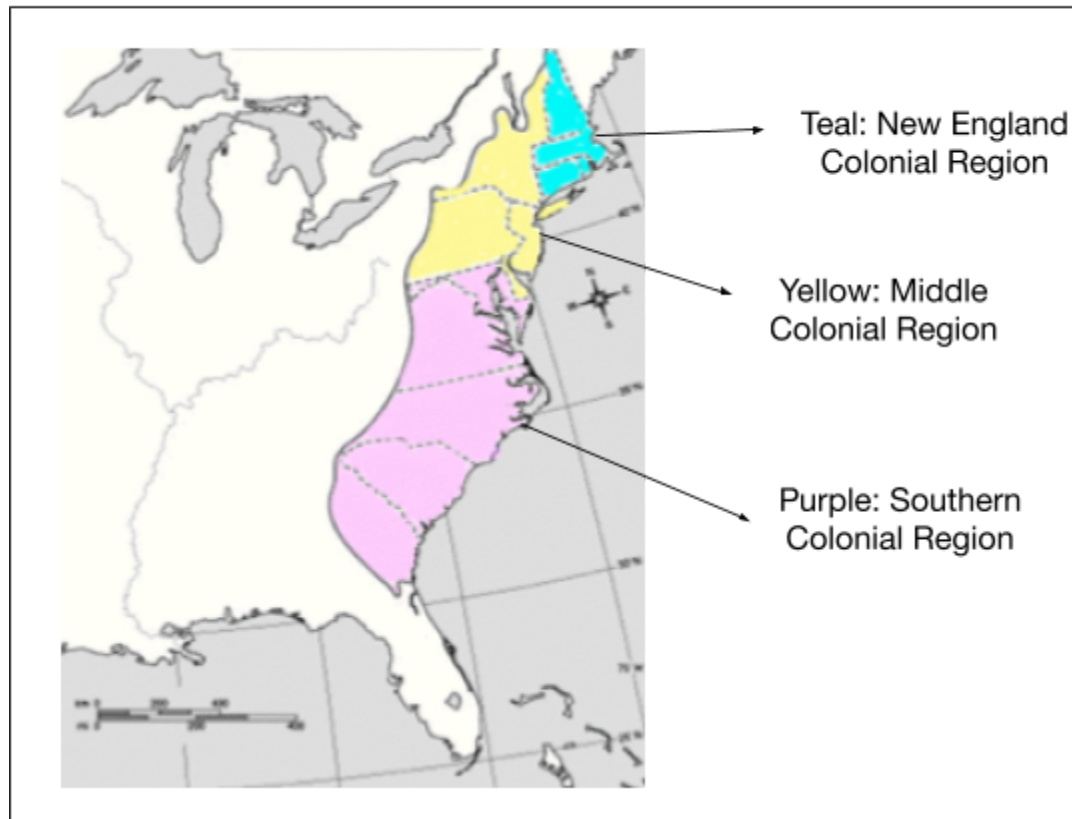
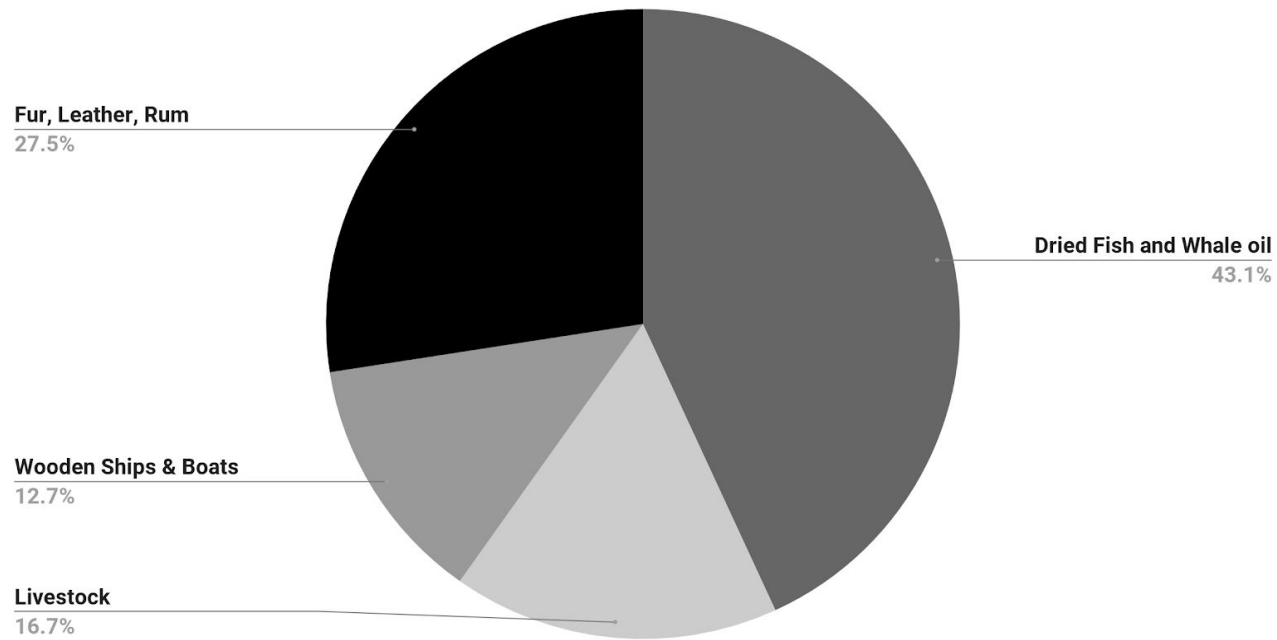


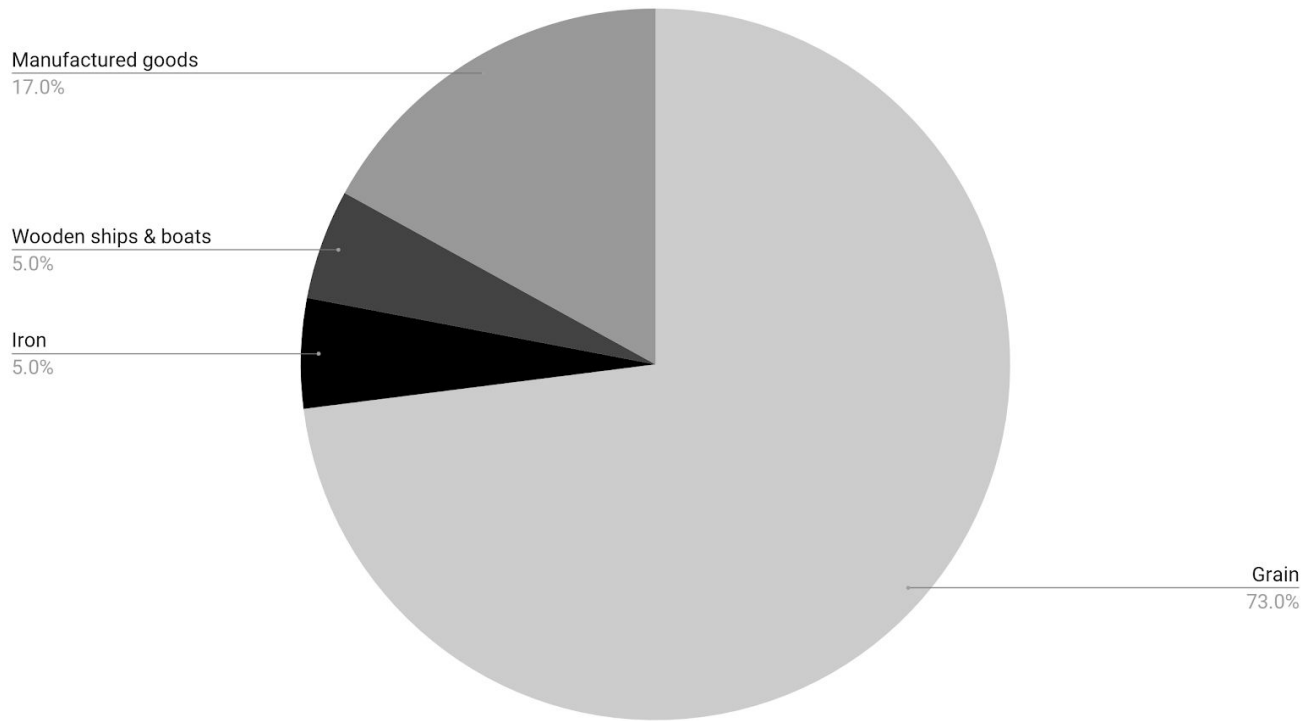
Figure 1: Exports from New England Colonies



* Source for data: James F Sheppard and Gary M Walton *Shipping, Maritime trade and the Economic development of colonial North America* (Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1972).

Describe: What do you see?	Question: What questions do you have?	Guess / Hypotheses: What educated guesses can you make as a result of what you see?
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jot down at least 2 observations</i></p> <p>I see...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jot down at least 1 question</i></p> <p>I wonder...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jot down at least 2 hypotheses</i></p> <p>Because I see _____ I think that....</p>

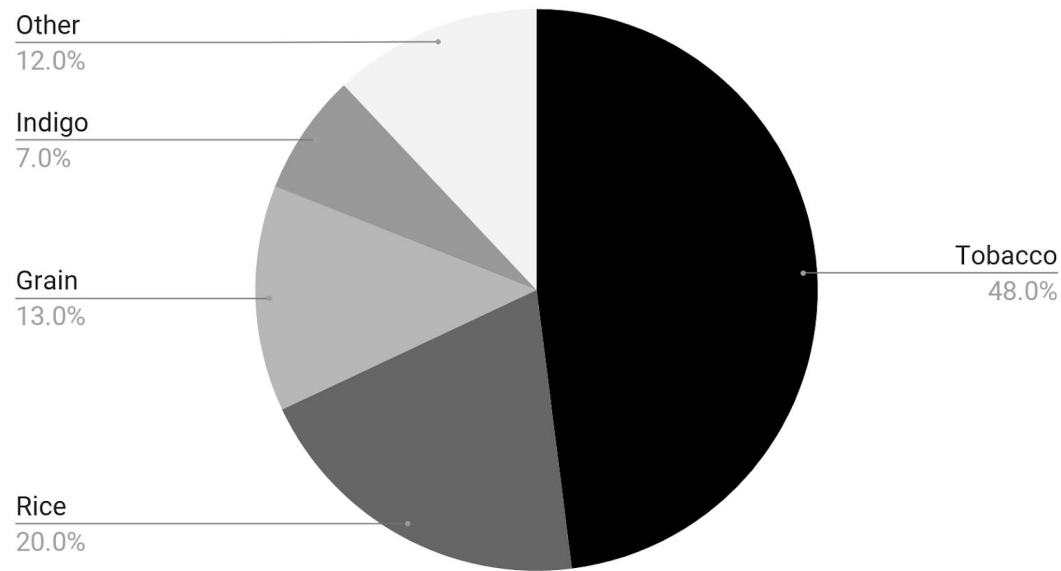
Figure 2: Exports from Middle Colonies



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Describe: What do you see?	Question: What questions do you have?	Guess / Hypotheses: What educated guesses can you make as a result of what you see?
<p><i>Jot down at least 2 observations</i></p> <p>I see...</p>	<p><i>Jot down at least 1 question</i></p> <p>I wonder...</p>	<p><i>Jot down at least 2 hypotheses</i></p> <p>Because I see _____ I think that....</p>

Figure 3: Exports from Southern Colonies



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Note: Indigo is a plant that is used to dye clothing.

Describe: What do you see?	Question: What questions do you have?	Guess / Hypotheses: What educated guesses can you make as a result of what you see?
<p><i>Jot down at least 2 observations</i></p> <p>I see...</p>	<p><i>Jot down at least 1 question</i></p> <p>I wonder...</p>	<p><i>Jot down at least 2 hypotheses</i></p> <p>Because I see _____ I think that....</p>

Analysis Questions

1) Which colonial region do you think had the most access to rivers, lakes, bays, waterways, and oceans? *Choose the best answer on the left and complete the sentence on the right **using evidence** from one graph.*

- a. Southern Colonies
 - b. Middle Colonies
 - c. New England colonies
- I chose this because....

2) Which colonial region do you think was known as the “breadbasket” of the 13 colonies (hint: bread is made from grains so think about which colonial region exported the most grains)? *Choose the best answer on the left and complete the sentence on the right **using evidence** from one graph.*

- a. Southern Colonies
 - b. Middle Colonies
 - c. New England colonies
- I chose this because....

3) Which colonial region do you think had the most wildlife such as bears, deer, beavers, etc.? *Choose the best answer on the left and complete the sentence on the right **using evidence** from one graph.*

- a. Southern Colonies
 - b. Middle Colonies
 - c. New England colonies
- I chose this because....

4) Which region had the highest percentage of exports that were agricultural (related to farming)? *Choose the best answer on the left and complete the sentence on the right using evidence from one graph.*

- a. Southern Colonies | I chose this because....
- b. Middle Colonies |
- c. New England colonies |

5) In order to grow cash crops such as tobacco and rice, you need year long growing seasons, including plenty of sunshine and humidity, rain-filled springs and summers. Which colonial region had the highest percentage of exports of cash crops? *Choose the best answer on the left and complete the sentence on the right using evidence from one graph.*

- a. Southern Colonies | I chose this because....
- b. Middle Colonies |
- c. New England colonies |

Matching: *Using your answers to the five questions above, and the three graphs, match the statements on the left to the colonial region it most likely describes on the right. You may match multiple statements to one colonial region.*

- 1. ____ Colder, longer winters A. Middle Colonies
- 2. ____ Dense forests with lots of trees B. Southern Colonies
- 3. ____ Wide open plains, good for planting crops like grains C. New England Colonies
- 4. ____ Humid and hot summers and moist soil, best for planting cash crops
- 5. ____ Rocky soil, not good for planting any crops