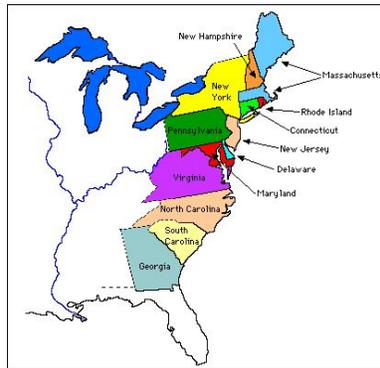


# The Thirteen Colonies



We are going to be learning about the Thirteen Colonies until the end of the year. We are hoping you can help us figure out a way that we could put on a 5th Grade Play about the Colonies on Zoom the last week of school.

- Read the **Main Idea** on page 160: "The geography and climate of the Thirteen Colonies affected how colonists lived and worked." Consider this as you read the lesson.
- Read the four Vocabulary Words/Terms before you begin reading the lesson: **-growing season -tidewater -fall line -backcountry**
- Please read *Geography of the Colonies*, pages 160-263. There will be a link to a PDF of this lesson on your teacher's website, as well as a copy in the packet.
- In the composition notebooks we sent home, record the vocabulary using **Three Column Notes** as you come across them in the lesson. Write the words, the definition, and draw an illustration for each term. See the example on the next page.

### Three Column Notes Example:

Vocabulary Term	Definition	Illustration
growing season	the time of year when it's warm enough for plants to grow	

- Now that you have finished reading the lesson, write a paragraph about The Main Idea. Explain how the geography and climate of the Thirteen Colonies affected how colonists lived and worked.

### ART PROJECT CHOICES

**You can choose any one of the following, or come up with your own art activity and contact your teacher about it before you start.**

- **GLACIERS** - There is an Art Activity on page 163. Use outside resources (websites, encyclopedias, books, videos, etc.) to learn more about how glaciers changed New England's geography. Make an illustration to show what you learned.
- **THE APPALACHIANS** - Read Pages 164 and 165. Use an atlas or online map to find the five highest mountains in the Appalachians. Make a chart giving the name, location, and altitude of each peak.
- Draw a detailed and colorful map of the Thirteen Colonies. Include: the name of each colony, capitals and major cities, rivers, and bodies of water, mountains, and anything else you feel is important to note. Make a Key and Compass Rose.