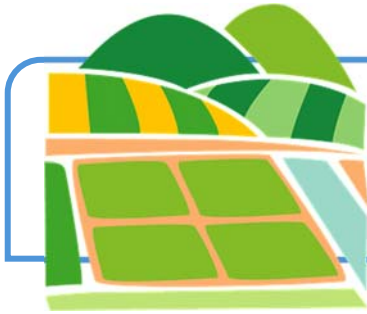


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Colonial Life Compare

Directions: Read the passage about Colonial America. Then, answer the questions that follow.

Life in the Colonies

In the **New England Colonies**, the land was rocky, and winters were long and cold. Because farming was difficult, many people earned money by **fishing, whaling, trading, and shipbuilding**. Town life was common, and people often gathered in meetinghouses to make decisions.

The **Middle Colonies** had **fertile soil and a milder climate**, which made farming easier. Farmers grew **wheat, oats, and other grains**, earning the nickname "**the Breadbasket Colonies**." People from many different cultures and religions lived there, bringing new ideas, foods, and traditions.

In the **Southern Colonies**, the climate was **warm with long growing seasons**. The fertile land allowed farmers to grow **tobacco, rice, and indigo** on large plantations. Many plantations depended on the labor of **enslaved Africans**, who were forced to work without freedom.

1. Why was farming difficult in the New England Colonies?

2. What nickname was given to the Middle Colonies and why?

3. Which crops were commonly grown on plantations in the Southern Colonies?

4. Which colonies had a colder climate with rocky soil?

5. What type of work was most common in the Southern Colonies?
