# The Colonial Environment and Its Economic Impacts

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<th>Colonial Region</th>
<th>Land</th>
<th>Climate</th>
<th>Way of Making Money</th>
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<td>New England</td>
<td>rocky, forested, poor soil</td>
<td>long cold winters, very short growing season</td>
<td>Fishing, whaling, shipbuilding, lumber</td>
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<td>Middle</td>
<td>fertile river valleys</td>
<td>milder winters, longer growing season</td>
<td>Farmed, grew grains: Wheat, Rye, and Barley</td>
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<td>Southern</td>
<td>flat coastal plains, broad rivers, fertile soil</td>
<td>warm, moist summers, very short and mild winter</td>
<td>plantations (large farms) where rice, indigo, and tobacco were grown</td>
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Directions: Base your answers to the following questions on the chart seen above and your knowledge of social studies. Please answer in complete sentences.

1. What are the three colonial regions? ____________________________
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2. Why might the New England region make its money by doing things other than farming? ____________________________
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3. Explain a difference you notice about the crops grown in the Middle region and some of the crops grown in the Southern region.
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