

★ Reteaching Activity 1

Colonizing America, Prehistory to 1754

The climate and geography of the Southern, Middle, and Northern colonies affected the economic base of each region. The economy in turn influenced the development of unique social class distinctions in each area. The Puritan New England township model introduced the democratic ideals that led to the American Revolution, while the Southern plantation society contributed to the eruption of the American Civil War.

DIRECTIONS: Outline the unique social hierarchies of each region below. Start with the top group in the social system. Briefly describe the role of each class in the society. (There may be more than one group at each level, as the chapter indicates.)



Southern Plantation System	Colonial Urban Society	Middle Colony Farm Society
1. Planter elite (Southern gentry)—wealthy land-owners who were the government representatives, militia commanders, and judges	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	
5.	5.	

Critical Thinking How did the demand in Europe for certain American products contribute to the formation of one of these social hierarchies: (A) the Southern plantation system, (B) the colonial urban society, or (C) the Middle Colonies' farm society?
