Colonial Regions Comparison

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| Colonial Region | Colonies | Climate & Geography  (weather & landscape) | Economic Activities | Reasons for founding |
| New England Colonies |  |  |  |  |
| Middle Colonies |  |  |  |  |
| Southern Colonies |  |  |  |  |

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| * Cold winters, hot & humid summers * Mild winters, hot & humid summers * Cold and snowy winters, warm summers |
| * Fertile farmland, forested mountains, wetlands * Mountainous with limited fertile farm land, many natural harbors * Mountains, fertile farmland, & forests |
| * Dairy farming, subsistence farming, shipbuilding, shipping/trade, forestry, fishing, whaling * Mostly farming * Farming, fur-trapping, merchants, lumber, shipping |
| * Economic and religious reasons * Mostly for religious reasons * Mostly for economic reasons, some religious reasons |