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