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Comparison of Colonies - Chart

| Various aspects of interest | New England Colonial Region | Middle Colonial Region | Southern Colonial Region |
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| Colonies | Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island | New York, Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania | Virginia, Maryland, North and South Carolina and Georgia |
| Settlers | The Pilgrims and Puritans | The Dutch, Swedish, English, French, Germans, and others | Farmers, slaves, planters, and stock holders |
| Popular leaders | John Winthrop, Thomas Hooker, John Mason, Roger | Peter Minuit, Sir George Carteret, William Penn, Peter | John Smith, William Berkeley, James Oglethorpe, Thomas Jefferson |
| Geographic characteristics | | | The southern colonies had an ideal climate and land for farming. With rich soil, the growing season lasted for nearly eight months. There were long rivers and coastal plains. |
| Climatic conditions | | | Hot summers and mild winters |
| Trades and Industries | | | People were engaged in the agriculture of cash crops and the other mainstay was plantation. |
| Reason for settlement | | | These settlers had economic motives like gold and the southern colonies had a climate ideal for farming. |
| Religious groups | | Presbyterians, Lutherans, Mennonites and Jews | Anglicans and Baptists except in Maryland which was a Catholic colony |
| Forms of government | These were either royal and charter colonies. | This region had two royal and two proprietary colonies. | With the exception of Carolina, which was a royal colony, this region had all proprietary colonies. |
| Governing Systems | A 3-tier governing system including the Governor, the General Court and the Town Meetings. | A bicameral system with the two bodies: the town and the county. The elected town representatives chose the county officials. | The County Governor appointed a sheriff to each colony. |

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