
STANDARD USI.5c

The student will apply social science skills to understand the factors that shaped colonial America by

- c) describing specialization of and interdependence among New England, Mid-Atlantic, and Southern colonies;

Essential Understandings

Economic specialization and interdependence existed among the colonies in the production of goods and services. Specialization increases productivity. It also requires trade and increases interdependence.

Essential Knowledge**Terms to know**

- specialization: Focus on producing one product or a few products
- interdependence: Two or more people depending on others

New England colonies

- Specialization
 - Fishing, shipbuilding, naval supplies, metal tools, equipment
- Examples of interdependence
 - The New England colonies depended on the Southern colonies for crops such as tobacco, rice, cotton, and indigo.
 - They depended on the Mid-Atlantic colonies for livestock and grains.

Mid-Atlantic colonies

- Specialization
 - Livestock, grains, fish
- Examples of interdependence
 - The Mid-Atlantic colonies traded with the Southern and New England colonies to get the products they did not produce.
 - The Mid-Atlantic colonies depended on the Southern colonies for tobacco, rice, indigo, and forest products.
 - They traded with the New England colonies for metal tools and equipment.

Southern colonies

- Specialization
 - Tobacco, rice, indigo, forest products (lumber, tar, pitch)
- Examples of interdependence
 - The Southern colonies depended on the New England colonies for manufactured goods, including metal tools and equipment.
 - They depended on the Mid-Atlantic colonies for grains and other agricultural products not plentiful in the South.