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Lesson 1: Southern Colonies

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Money in the South

1. Describe how tobacco changed everything in the south. (Explain in 2-3 sentences.)

People were starving and dying in Jamestown because they were unsuccessful finding any gold. When a new ship of colonists came, John Rolfe brought tobacco and this caused the colonists to thrive. Tobacco was used in trade and soon became the main source of their income.

2. Please fill out this table using the information from the course.

State	Description in 2-3 sentences each.
Maryland	Maryland was founded by a Catholic named George Calvert because he wanted to create safe space for Catholics and make money. They ended up changing it to allowing anyone who worshiped the Holy Trinity because the Catholics were outnumbered, this was called the Act of Toleration.
The Carolinas	The Carolinas were founded by eight British nobles but North Carolina was forgotten and split off to become a separate colony. The Carolinas focused mainly on land/crops and slavery. making this their main source of wealth.
Georgia	Georgia was founded by James Oglethorpe and a group of investors. They populated it as an experiment with debtors in prison. Georgia was successful in helping protect South Carolina but it wasn't successful for the debtors or finding a cash crop.

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Lesson 2: New England Colonies

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Settling in the North

1. Why did the Puritans come to America? (Explain in 2-3 sentences.)

The Puritans wanted to purify the Church of England so they went to North America for a fresh start. They were also the largest British group to colonize a new home for themselves.

2. Describe the Puritan society. (Explain in 3-4 sentences)

The Puritans were very, very strict. They only practiced religious freedom for other Puritans and would execute anyone who was different (Ex. The Salem Witch Trials). The Puritans did not allow difference in opinion because they believed it would destroy their unity.

3. Describe the Mayflower Compact. (Explain in 3-4 sentences.)

The Mayflower Compact set a precedent for the Constitution. It focused on education and a government where everyone gets to choose and has a say. They had town meetings where people would vote on and change laws.

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Lesson 3: Other New England Colonies

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New England States

1. Please fill out this table using the information from the course.

State/Term	Include 2-3 sentences for each row.
Connecticut	People moved to Connecticut for better trade and land. They also had the first constitution in the English colonies. They had issues with the Pequots because they took their land so they fought and six to seven hundred native americans were killed.
Rhode Island	Roger Williams was the founder of Rhode Island. He was banished from the Puritans for having different beliefs and ended up going with 20 others to find somewhere else to go.
New Hampshire	New Hampshire grew out of scattered fishing and Puritan settlements and became a separate colony in 1677. The area that is now the state of Maine was not one of the original colonies. Massachusetts bought out its original owners and it was a territory throughout the colonial era.
Massachusetts	John Winthrop founded Massachusetts with the Puritans. Because of their strict rules this was one of the most stable English settlements. This also caused divisions among others who were forced to move away.

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Lesson 4: The Middle Colonies

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Middle States

1. Please fill out this table using the information from the course.

State	Describe each in 2-3 sentences.
New York/New Jersey	The Dutch first claimed this area but were then forced to give it up to the Duke of York. The Duke of York gave Jersey to two friends and then it was sold. After all of this it was then turned into a colony.
Pennsylvania	It was first settled by Quakers led by William Penn. He went to the Americas and Pennsylvania grew and prospered. They would also buy the land from the people already there instead of claiming it and taking it from them.
Delaware	Delaware was first settled by the Swedes. Later it was given to William Penn. From 1682, Delaware continued under the rule of the governor of Pennsylvania. They were given their independence in 1701 and chose their own representatives to its own assembly.

2. What made the Middle Colonies unique? (Explain in 1-2 sentences.)

The Middle Colonies were unique because they were mainly run by one man, William penn. They are also unique because the Dutch were involved rather than the Spanish or English.

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Lesson 5: Later Colonial Developments

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Shifting Society

1. Please fill out this table using the information from the course.

Ierm	Describe each in 2-3 sentences.
Metacom	The Metacom war, also known as the King Philip's War, was between New England and the Wampanoag tribe. Metacom was who the British called King Philip. He was upset that they needed land because it would drive out the Native Americans.
Bacon's Rebellion	When people heard about King Philip's War they thought of their own struggles with Native Americans and especially class systems. Wealthy planters pushed poor farmers to farm on land that was hilly and difficult. One farmer, named Nathaniel Bacon, started a rebellion against Governor Sir William Berkeley.
Salem Witch Trials	A bunch of girls blamed sudden fits on witchery and accused women in their colony of torturing them. Men and Women were killed and jailed after being accused and because they were puritans they believed the "witches" to be possessed.

2. Why did Metacom lose the war against England? (Explain in 2-3 sentences.)

They lost to England because they had less resources and people. England was also more advanced in technology and Native American allies. Overall Metacom was not as advanced or prepared.