Unit 1 essay

Title: Colonies of the 1700’s

A. **Region: New England**

My choice for New England fell on the fact that it was a booming group of colonies with many trade ports and a good industry. This meant that there were many places to get a job to provide for your family.

B. **Thesis:**

“New England was a thriving group of colonies with many natural resources and a promising looking industry to raise a family in.“

C. **Reason 1 to settle here:**

a. **How is this true of this region:**

b. **Supporting evidence:**

New England was situated closely to several resources such as fish, whales, trees and furs. This meant that there were enough resources for the local populace to live off of and still enough to export to the other colonies. The trade ports grew so big for this very reason. There were lots of jobs for extracting these resources, so raising a family in this group of colonies would mean that your chance of living a wealthy life was higher than in the other colonies.

D. **Reason 2 to settle here:**

a. **How is this true of this region:**

b. **Supporting evidence:**

The growing ports also required more and more ships to be built, thus increasing the amount of workers needed for shipbuilding. The shipbuilding industry tied in closely with the fishing fleets. New England had to rely mostly on fishing to get their food, so it was necessary to have an ever growing supply of fishing boats.

E. **Best reason NOT to settle here:**

It was colder than in the other groups of colonies. Because of this, there was a higher amount of deaths in the winter than in the other colonies. If you didn’t have a job that paid enough to support the cost of firewood in the winter, your chances of survival weren’t high.

a. **How is this true of this region:**

b. **Supporting evidence:**

c. **Why is this not enough to stop you from settling in this region:**

Even though the cold was a danger to the settlers of New England, it also reduced the spread of lethal diseases. I would make sure that there was a job opportunity for me before I settled in that region.