

The Colonies Mature

U.S. History to 1877

The “middle” colonies, late 1600s

Like New England

- Family farms
- Few slaves
- Healthier

Like the South

- Individualistic
- Rural

New York

New Amsterdam in New Netherlands

England captures colony in 1664, renames it New York

- Diverse
- Contentious
- Profit-oriented

Pennsylvania, 1682

William Penn & Quakers

- Spiritual equality, suspicion of hierarchy
- Austerity and intense work ethic

Pennsylvania and Philadelphia

- Pluralism and tolerance

The Carolinas

The Barbados connection

Black majority

- Rice and race

- Malaria and yellow fever
- Gullah

- Charleston, the South's only city

Rice plantations

Scotch-Irish

Settle in the backcountry

Cultural pessimism

Clannish

Violent; intolerant of other's opinions

Liberty means freedom from restraint

Growing diversity

1700: 250,000

1775: 2,500,000

Most immigrants not English

250,000 slaves imported

- Total of 500,000 by 1776

An empire for trade

Royal colonies

No coordinated central control

Mercantilism

- Navigation Acts, 1660
- Staple Act, 1663

British Trade Routes of the 18th century