Southern Colonies

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In this comparison chart, compare and contrast human and physical characteristics of the five Southern Colonies—Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

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**Criteria:**

Virginia

Maryland

North Carolina

South Carolina

Georgia

Type of Colony

Corporate Colony

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Founder

Sponsored by the Virginia Company of London

Cecilius Calvert, the second Lord Baltimore

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Motivation for Settling the Colony

Hoped to make a profit from gold and find a route to Asia.

Wanted to set up a colony where Catholics could practice their religion freely.

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Oglethorpe wanted a colony both as a new start for people in poverty (debtors) and as a model society of justice and equality

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Geographic Features

Jamestown was located on the coast of Virginia. Trees/forested areas. Harsh winters.

Formed around the Chesapeake Bay and the southern part of the Potomac River.

Long growing season. Flat land, hot/humid climate. Good soil. Good for plantations.

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Savannah River set the boundary between South Carolina and Georgia.

Government

The Anglican Church became the colony’s official religion.

General Assembly passed the Religious Toleration Act of 1649. The colonial government of MD was headquartered in St. Mary’s. The courts were located there.

Oglethorpe served as governor for 9 years without a colonial legislature. Slavery was outlawed, and the sale of rum was banned

Economy

Tobacco became a cash crop. St. Mary’s became a major port for exporting goods (trade).

Farmers practiced subsistence agriculture (Growing crops that you eat as well as trade).

Plantations grew indigo and rice.

Until 1750, slavery was banned, so only small farms formed. After 1750, larger plantations developed.