

## Figure 1: Chart of the Original Colonies, Reasons Founded

Source: [www.history.com/topics/thirteen-colonies](http://www.history.com/topics/thirteen-colonies)

Colony Name	Year Founded	Founded By; Reason Founded	Became (English) Royal Colony
Virginia	1607	London Company; Trade, land	1624
Massachusetts	1620	Puritans using a company charter; Religious freedom	1691
Maryland	1634	Lord Baltimore; refuge for Catholics	N/A
Connecticut	1635	Thomas Hooker; left MA for religious freedom	N/A
Rhode Island	1636	Roger Williams: left MA for religious freedom	N/A
Delaware	1638	Peter Minuit and New Sweden Company; trade, land	N/A
New Hampshire	1638	John Wheelwright; trade	1679
North Carolina	1653	Virginians; land	1729
South Carolina	1663	Eight Nobles with Royal Charter from Charles II	1729
New York	1664	Taken from the Dutch and Swedish by the British; given to the King's brother, the Duke of York	1685
New Jersey	1664	Given by the Duke of York to his friends, Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret	1702
Pennsylvania	1682	William Penn; religious freedom for Quakers	1685
Georgia	1732	James Edward Oglethorpe; home for debtors and criminals	1752

## Figure 2: Settlement by Ethnic Group, 1755

Source: maps.com/ref\_map.aspx?pid=11342



### Figure 3: The Thirteen Colonies, 1775, Types of Colonies

Source: [www.history.org/history/museums/mappingexhibit.html](http://www.history.org/history/museums/mappingexhibit.html)



**Type: Government:**

Royal: King appoints governor and Upper House. Colonists elect lower house.

Proprietary: King grants land to person who is free to rule; proprietor appoints governor and upper house; colonists elect lower house.

Charter: Governor and Legislature elected by colonists.

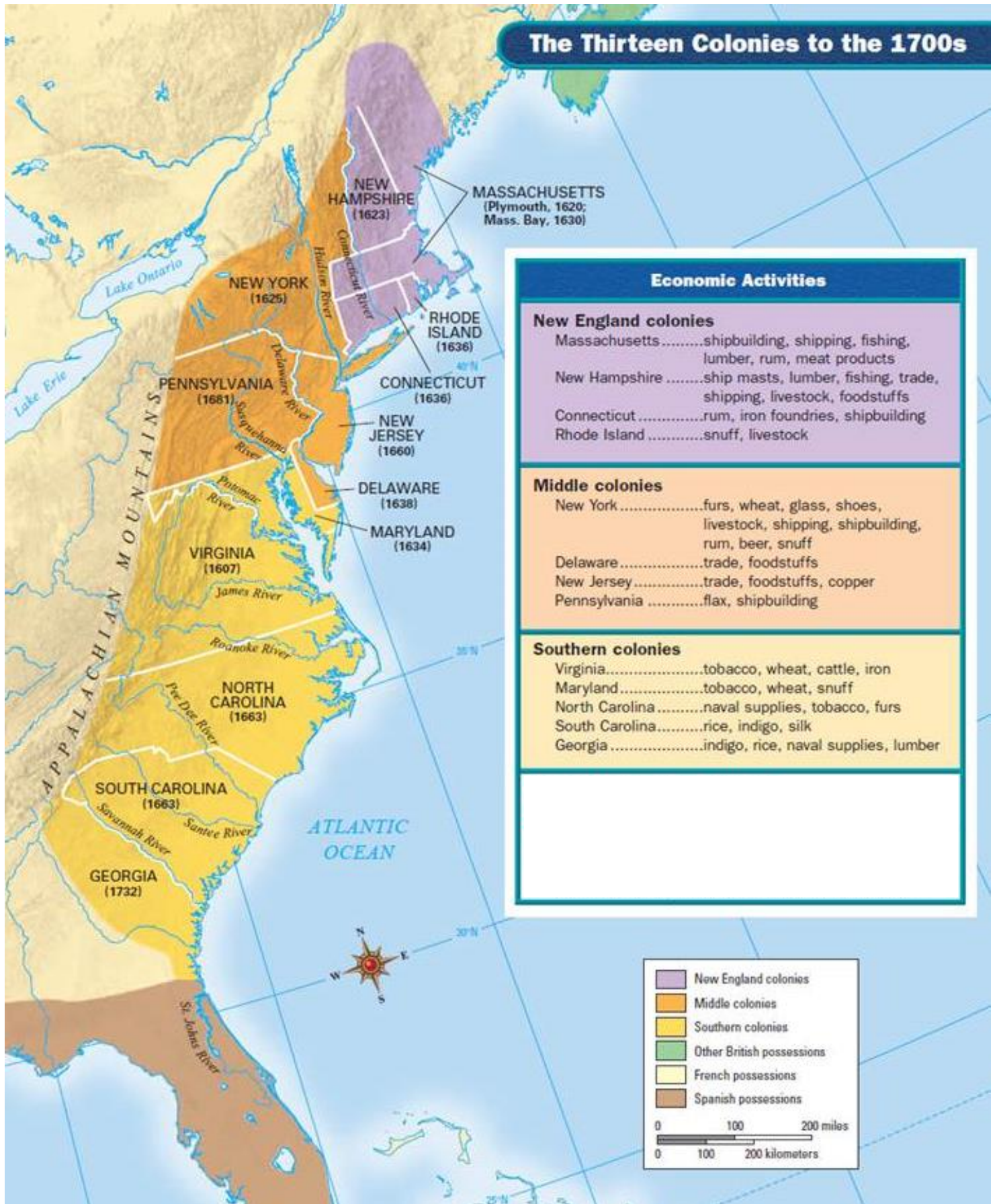
**Figure 4: American Colonies, 1775, Population Density.**

[http://www.emersonkent.com/map\\_archive/american\\_colonies\\_population.htm](http://www.emersonkent.com/map_archive/american_colonies_population.htm)



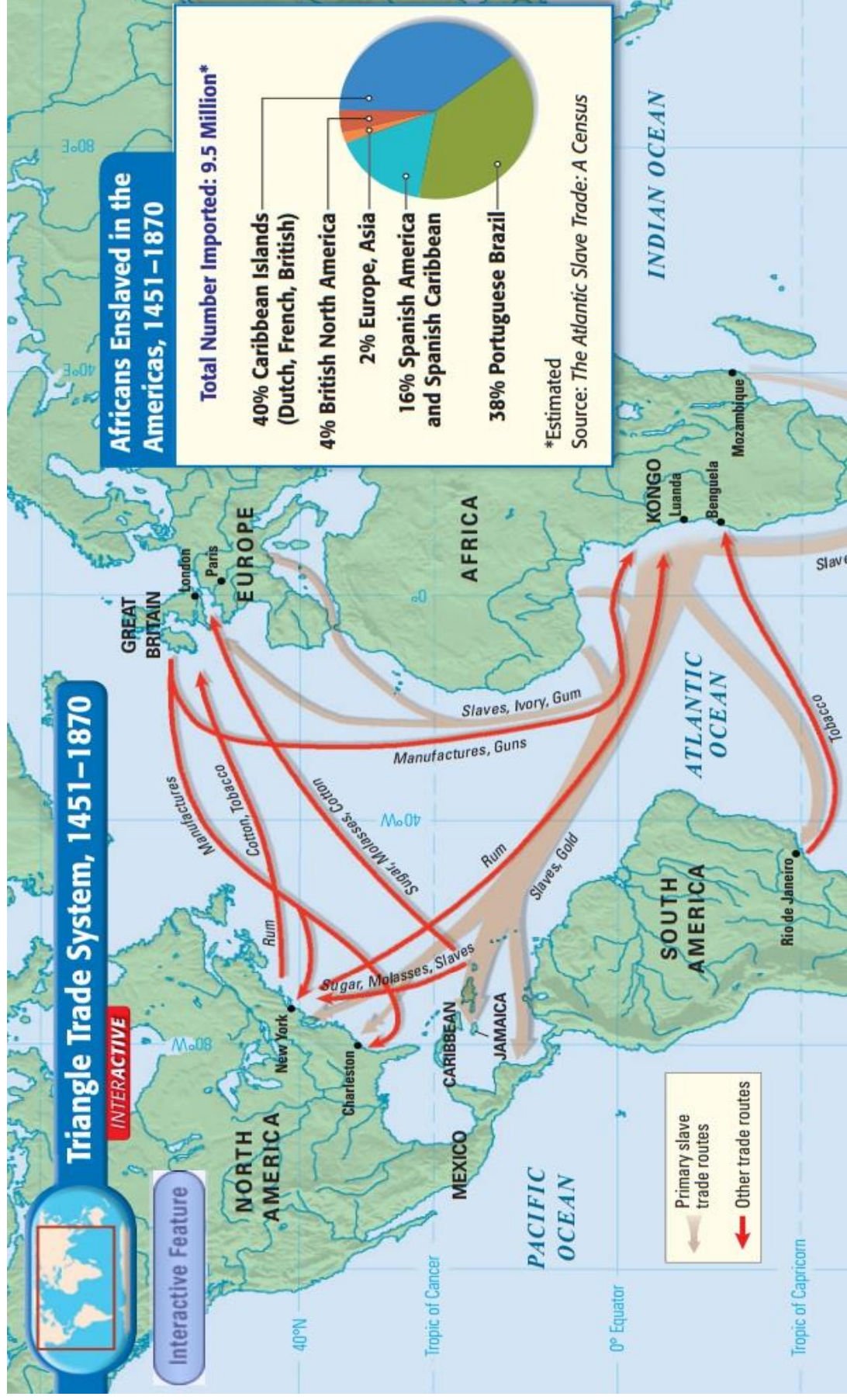
# Figure 5: American Colonial Regions

Source: American History (Student Textbook), McDougal Littell, 2008.



**Figure 6a: Triangular Trade**

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## Figure 6b: Triangular Trade

Source: Encyclopedia Britannica, <https://www.britannica.com/topic/triangular-trade>



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## The American Colonies: Background Information

Use the provided sources to answer the questions that follow. Use complete sentences; provide detail and elaboration in your answers. Be sure to tell which resource(s) you used to answer each question. See the example below for the proper format to use.

To cite a figure **in text**: *According to figure 1, the first colony to be founded was Virginia.*

To cite a figure **parenthetically**: *The first colony to be founded was Virginia (see fig. 1).*

### Questions:

1. During what time span were the colonies founded?
2. For what reasons were the colonies founded? (Why did people **immigrate** to the colonies?)
3. From which countries did the colonists **emigrate**? What **immigration** patterns are visible? (Which countries had more/less immigrants? Where did the different groups tend to settle? Etc.)
4. What type of government was used in the colonies? (How much say did colonists appear to have in their government?)
5. Which areas were the most inhabited? Least?



6. Which colonies were considered part of New England? How would you characterize the economy of this region? *(What makes it different from other regions? What are the major industries? Don't list...summarize!)*

7. Which colonies were considered part of the Middle colonies? How would you characterize the economy of this region? *(What makes it different from other regions? What are the major industries? Don't list...summarize!)*

8. Which colonies were considered part of the Southern colonies? How would you characterize the economy of this region? *(What makes it different from other regions? What are the major industries? Don't list...summarize!)*

9. What inferences can you make about the trade that existed between England, Africa, and the colonies? *(What did each want from the other?)*