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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?)*