

The Thirteen Colonies

USEFUL VOCABULARY

TO MAKE A LIVING: to earn the money one needs to pay for housing, food, etc.

NATURAL BOUNDARY: something natural, like a mountain or river that indicates a geographic limit.

INHABITANT: a person that lives in a particular place for a period of time.

NATURAL RESOURCES: materials such as wood or minerals provided by nature.

Read the two pages from the book and answer the following questions:

- 1) People went to live in North America in the 1600 and 1700s because:
 - a) they were not free in their homes
 - b) they were looking for new territories
 - c) the colonies were located near the Atlantic Ocean.

- 2) What separated the colonies into three different groups was:
 - a) the people that lived in them
 - b) the type of weather and geography
 - c) the religion of the inhabitants

- 3) Farming in The New England Colonies was difficult because:
 - a) there was too much ice from the Ice Age
 - b) there wasn't any land available
 - c) the soil was full of rocks and too sandy

- 4) The climate was not appropriate for farming (growing plants and crops) because:
 - a) the winters were very long and cold for farming
 - b) the inhabitants didn't know how to work the land
 - c) the summers were very warm

- 5) The good thing about having so much wood from the forest was:
 - a) that they used it for warming their houses in the cold winters
 - b) that they used it for making ships and houses
 - c) that they used it for catching fish and whales

- 6) As they lived on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean:
 - a) they caught fish and used it for food
 - b) they went to the beach very often
 - c) they produced other products



Look at the map on the right. The New England Colonies are the ones in the north coloured in pink. Can you see them?

