**Do Now -- Summary Activity: Colonial America**

*Climate plays a vital role* in shaping the history, culture, economy, and even the character of a particular place.

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Read the three regional climate descriptions. Then decide which region is being described below.

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| 1. New England:   Cold, with long, harsh winters and short, mild summers; rocky soil, rather poor for most crops | 1. The middle colonies: cold winters but not as harsh as New England’s; summers longer and hotter than New England’s; rich soil | 1. The Southern colonies: warmest climate – long, hot summers and short, mild winters; rich soil |

\_\_\_\_ 1. These were known as the Bread Colonies because they produced so much grain.

\_\_\_\_ 2. Towns were slow to develop; most people lived on large farms.

\_\_\_\_ 3. This region’s growing season was shorter than South Carolina’s, but longer than Connecticut’s.

\_\_\_\_ 4. People turned from farming to the sea to earn their living.

\_\_\_\_ 5. Pneumonia was a risk factor for people who didn’t have good shelter.

\_\_\_\_ 6. Farming was very profitable, so this area never fully developed its other natural resources.

\_\_\_\_ 7. Both farming and fur trading were very profitable in this region.

\_\_\_\_ 8. This area had the shortest growing season.