American History I – American Colonies Annotated Map

Directions: Use the reading “Section 3: The English Colonies” as a guide to complete this activity.

1. On the map, please label each of the following colonies and create a symbol that clearly indicates why that colony was founded. Draw the symbol in each colony.

- Virginia
- Maryland
- North Carolina
- Georgia
- Delaware
- Plymouth/Puritan
- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island
- Connecticut
- New Hampshire
- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- New York City
- Philadelphia
- Boston
- Charleston
- Savannah
- New Hampshire
- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- South Carolina
- New York City
- Philadelphia
- Boston
- Charleston

2. Please choose three colored pencils and lightly shade the Southern Colonies, the Middle colonies, and the New England colonies, using a new color for each group. Then create a key for your map.

3. Using the reading and the chart below, briefly describe the characteristics of the three American colonial regions.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>American Colonies Profile</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Southern Colonies</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Middle colonies</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>New England</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Describe the type of government found in this section.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Describe the economy of each section. What were the sources of wealth? What was grown or made? Who did the work?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>What religious influences were present in each section?</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Describe the colonial society and classes in each section.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

4. Answer each of the following in complete sentences. Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this assignment. Where appropriate, use examples or evidence from your map to support your response.

1. Briefly describe the symbols you created for each colony. Why did you select the symbol? How does it relate to the colony’s founding? What natural barrier forms the western border of the Southern Colonies?
2. Why was access to waterways an important factor in the development of colonial cities and towns? Based on your map, give examples of cities located near rivers. Why do you think the ship-building industry was important to New England?
3. Describe the changing meaning of “religious freedom” in the colonies.
4. How did education, the Enlightenment, and the press influence the colonial mind? Create a bubble map illustrating these influences.
5. Describe what you think is the key difference among the American colonies? Describe what you think is the key similarity among the American colonies?
6. How might these similarities and differences led to a desire for independence from Great Britain?