

Colony Project

Greetings, faithful servant of England and King James. Little is known of new land across the Atlantic Ocean from England. In order to secure the new land for the English empire, we must establish a permanent and sustainable colony. Your assignment is to research the region and propose the location for England's next colony.

You will create a geographical and cultural reference tool (map) to assist in the settlement of your proposed colony. We must have a clear understanding of the geography and culture of the region, as well as the natives who are currently living there. Your final project and report (full-block letter) to Chancellor of the Exchequer will contain the following components:

- A detailed and aesthetic (looks good) map of the region which you believe would be the ideal (perfect) location for a settlement. Use the encyclopedias. Each map will contain the following:***
 - A descriptive title or place name for the region or area to which you've been assigned.
 - Topographical markings showing 5 labeled landforms and features: mountains, hills, plateaus, rivers, etc.
 - Place names and locations for the town(s) in your region.
 - A legend showing the top 5 natural resources in your region area. Resources in your legend should also be found on your map.
- A written synopsis (summary) in full-block letter format (see page 203-211 of the Write Source 2000), detailing from the point of view of the "5 Themes of Geography" the unique characteristics of the region (see below). In addition to your introductory and concluding paragraphs, at least one brief paragraph per theme is expected. Be sure to address the following questions (use your geography notes to assist you with terminology):***
 - **Location:** What is the absolute and relative location of your region?
 - **Place:** What are the some of the natural and man-made or cultural characteristics that make this place unique?
 - **Human/Environment Interaction:** Describe how nature has influenced the way the natives of this region live their lives. How do the natives in this area use the environment, and how do their actions affect the environment? How will the citizens of the new settlement use the environment, and how will their actions affect the environment? Be sure to note whether pollution or preservation of the land will occur and why this is so.
 - **Movement:** Describe the flow of information, goods, ideas, and people in your region, showing how the geography has affected this process. How will you get supplies to the new region? Will the colony be able to extend farther west as it grows?
 - **Region:** Describe the predominant climate, and natural resources of your region that define it as a distinct place. Additionally, what type of colony will you create and how will this creates unique cultural characteristics and practices.

Those failing to meet the minimum requirements of this assignment will be temporarily banished to Tower of London. To maximize your chances of success on this assignment, refer to the rubric on the back as a guide in creating a top quality report for submission to the Chancellor of Exchequer.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

COMPONENT 1 / MAP	Points Possible	Self	Teacher
A descriptive title or place name for the region or area to which you have chosen.	5		
Topographical markings showing 5 labeled landforms and features one finds in that geographic area: mountains, hills, plateaus, rivers, etc.	5		
Place names for the town(s) in your region area.	5		
A legend showing the top 5 natural resources in your region area. Resources in your legend should also be found on your map.	5		
Color and aesthetic details are used appropriately	5		
TOTALS	25		
COMPONENT 2 / WRITTEN SYNOPSIS	Points Possible	Self	Teacher
Location: What is the absolute and relative location of your region area?	5		
Place: What are the some natural and man-made characteristics that make this place unique?	5		
Human/Environment Interaction: Describe how nature has influenced the way the natives of this region live their lives. How do natives in this area use the environment, and how do their actions affect the environment? How will new colonists use the environment, and how will their actions affect the environment? Will pollution occur, why or why not?	10		
Movement: Describe the flow of information, goods, ideas, and people in your region area, showing how the geography has affected this process.	10		
Region: Describe the predominant climate, and natural resources of your region/state area that define it as a distinct region. Additionally, describe the unique culture characteristics and practices that have arisen in this region due to the type of colony that was founded.	10		
The English subject has followed standard full-block letter format as detailed on pages 203-211 in the Write Source 2000 manual.	10		
TOTALS	50		
GENERAL PROJECT CRITERIA	Points Possible	Self	Teacher
The English subject has used class time well in working towards completion of the project.	5		
The final product reflects attention to detail and neatness.	5		
The English subject has attempted to move beyond a mere surface/literal interpretation of their region/state area. There is depth ...	15		
TOTALS	25		
GRAND TOTAL	100		

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