The Thirteen Colonies to the 1700s

Economic Activities

New England colonies
- Massachusetts: shipbuilding, shipping, fishing, lumber, rum, meat products
- New Hampshire: ship masts, lumber, fishing, trade, shipping, livestock, foodstuffs
- Connecticut: rum, iron foundries, shipbuilding
- Rhode Island: snuff, livestock

Middle colonies
- New York: furs, wheat, glass, shoes, livestock, shipping, shipbuilding, rum, beer, snuff
- Delaware: trade, foodstuffs
- New Jersey: trade, foodstuffs, copper
- Pennsylvania: flax, shipbuilding

Southern colonies
- Virginia: tobacco, wheat, cattle, iron
- Maryland: tobacco, wheat, snuff
- North Carolina: naval supplies, tobacco, furs
- South Carolina: rice, indigo, silk
- Georgia: indigo, rice, naval supplies, lumber

**GEOGRAPHY SKILLBUILDER**

1. **Location** What geographical feature determined the western boundaries of the Southern and Middle colonies?

2. **Region** How did the New England and Middle colonies’ economies differ in general from the economy of the South? What may have accounted for this difference?