**Massachusetts:**

• Settlers: first by Pilgrims led by William

Bradford; later by Puritans led by John

Winthrop

• Reasons for settlement: to escape religious

persecution

• Climate and geography: harsh winters and

warm summers; rich pastures and forests

• Economy: crop and livestock farming,

lumbering

• Religion: Puritan

• Government: self-governing, as described in the

Mayflower Compact

**Connecticut:**

Settlers: Former Massachusetts Puritans led by

Thomas Hooker

• Reasons for settlement: to establish a new

settlement apart from Massachusetts Puritans

Climate and geography: cold winters and mild

summers; forested hills and seacoast

• Economy: farming, shipbuilding, fishing,

whaling

• Religion: Puritan

• Government: self-governing, with written

Constitution

**Rhode Island:**

Settlers: former Puritans from Massachusetts

led by Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson

• Reasons for settlement: religious freedom from

the Puritans

• Climate and geography: humid summers and

cold winters; coastal lowlands and rocky

woodlands

• Economy: farming, lumbering, shipbuilding,

fishing, whaling

• Religion: various faiths

• Government: self-governing

**New York:**

• Settlers: Dutch and English

• Reasons for settlement: to make money

• Climate and geography: cold winters and hot

summers; wetlands and forested mountains

• Religion: various faiths

• Government: British-appointed governor and

council; eventually an elected assembly

**Pennsylvania:**

Settlers: English Quakers led by William Penn

• Reasons for settlement: to safely practice their

religion

• Climate and geography: cold winters and hot

summers; rolling hills and fertile soil

• Economy: farming, trade, lumbering, and

shipbuilding

• Religion: various faiths

• Government: elected assembly

**Maryland:**

* Settlers: English Catholics and Protestants

• Reasons for settlement: to find religious and

political freedom

• Climate and geography: cold winters, hot

summers; low, fertile land surrounding

Chesapeake Bay

• Economy: farming, lumbering, shipping,

fishing, iron mining

• Religion: various faiths, particularly Catholic

• Government: elected assembly

**Virginia:**

• Settlers: English landowners and skilled

laborers

• Reasons for settlement: to make a profit

• Climate and geography: mild winters and

hot summers; coastal lowlands and wooded

mountains

• Economy: farming

• Religion: Church of England

• Government: elected assembly (House of

Burgesses

**Georgia:**

Settlers: debtors from English prisons, and

other Europeans

• Reasons for settlement: to find religious freedom

and cheap land

• Climate and geography: mild winters and hot

summers; wetlands and forested mountains

• Religion: various faiths

• Government: ruled by James Oglethorpe for

12 years, then an elected assembly