

Chapter **4** *The Colonies Develop*

Setting the Stage

Reading Strategy: Analyzing Causes and Recognizing Effects

Detectives in mystery stories investigate how events or conditions lead to a crime. They search for causes and effects. A **cause** explains *why* something happened. An **effect** explains *what* happened, or the result.

In this chapter, investigate how a single effect—the economic development of the colonies—resulted from three related causes—climate, resources, and people. As you read, fill in the columns of the cause-and-effect chart for each colonial region.

	1. New England Colonies	2. Middle Colonies	3. Southern Colonies	4. Backcountry
CAUSES	a. Climate			
	b. Resources			
	c. People			
EFFECT	d. Economic Development			

Discussion Questions

- Which two regions had the most similar resources?
- Which region was able to develop a successful economy that did not rely on farming? Why?
- In which colonial region do you think people played the most important role in the economy that developed there? Why?