Chapter 5: Colonial Society on the Eve of Revolution 1700-1775

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- 1. What was one feature that was common to all the colonies in the 18th Century?
- 2. What was the approximate population of the 13 colonies in 1775? How many were black?
- 3. What percent of the population was rural?
- 4. What percent of the population was German? Where did the settle and why had they come?
- 5. What percent of the population was Scots-Irish? Where did they settle and why had they come?
- 6. What special characteristics did the Scots-Irish have?
- 7. What other European groups settled in the colonies?
- 8. What regions were the most and least ethnically diverse in the colonies?
- 9. How did this ethnic diversity influence the colonies?
- 10. How was 18th Century America different from 17th Century America?
- 11. What group of people tended to dominant Southern colonial society? Middle colonial and New England colonial society?
- 12. What professions were the most and least honored in colonial society? Why?
- 13. What diseases caused fear among the colonies?
- 14. What was the leading industry of the colonies?
- 15. What was the triangular trade? What products were involved?
- 16. Why was manufacturing not an important economic activity in the colonies?
- 17. What was the major manufacturing enterprise in 18th Century colonial America?
- 18. By the 1730s, problems began to appear in the economic relationship between the colonies and England? Why?
- 19. Briefly describe transportation in the 18th Century colonies?
- 20. Why were taverns described as "another cradle of democracy"?

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- 21. What were the two main Christian churches in colonial America?
- 22. What were the differences in these two churches?
- 23. Why was the Anglican Church closely associated with England?
- 24. What and when was the Great Awakening? Why did it occur?
- 25. Who were the leading ministers of the Great Awakening?
- 26. What were the results of the Great Awakening?
- 27. Why was New England more interested in education than any other region?
- 28. What was the focus of most college education?
- 29. Why was art not particularly important in the colonies? Name four artists.
- 30. Who was Phillis Wheatley?
- 31. What was Poor Richard's Almanack and who was its author?
- 32. Why was the jury decision in the John Peter Zenger case important?
- 33. What was the difference between a Royal Colony and a Proprietary Colony?
- 34. How were the legislative bodies in the colonies generally chosen?
- 35. How could the colonial legislatures influence the colonial governors?
- 36. What qualifications had to be met in order to vote?
- 37. How did the southern, northern colonies, and the frontier differ in amusements?