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Debate Planning

DEBATE: Which colonial group was most essential to the development of the United States?

You have been assigned to a colonial region; circle the group below:

New England colonies

Middle colonies

Southern colonies

Research and then debate the question below with other colonial regions:

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1. Assign one colony in your colonial group to each person in your group.
2. You may need to have more than one person research the same colony.
3. Read the primary source assigned to familiarize yourself with life in your colony/group.
4. Use the library databases to build background and create notes about your colonial group.
5. Create an accurate works cited page with at least 3 sources.

Take thorough notes on the following topics:

- The name of your colony or colony group
- Date(s) settled / Reason(s) settled
- Geographic features, climate and geography
- Economics and trade opportunities/cash crops
- Ethnic makeup of colonists (people who share the same culture, religion, or language)
- Educational opportunities
- Religious influences that created your colony
- Relationships with Native Americans
- Role in and views of slavery
- How the colony was governed (explain in detail so that you can defend this system!)

After you have completed your research, you will be given time to meet a colony group to begin to plan your debate. You will work with your teammates to answer the question: **Which colonial group was most essential to the development of the United States?**

Subtopics to consider include:

- What makes your colonial group interesting or unique? (consider climate, geography, ethnic makeup, religious influence, and relationships with the Natives)
- How does your colonial group influence the economic success of the United States? (consider educational and trade opportunities)
- How does your role in/view of, slavery influence the success of the United States?
- What makes your system of government successful?

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