Coast to Coast

Locate the thirteen British colonies by region

5.G.8 "Identify and locate the 13 British colonies by region (i.e., New England, Middle, Southern)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the first mention of each colony, circle the region named in each paragraph, and number the circled regions from north to south.

A Journey Along the Colonies

1 Imagine following the Atlantic coast from north to south during colonial times. The first group of British colonies you would reach was New England. Its four colonies were New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. New Hampshire lay farthest north in this group. Massachusetts was below it, while tiny Rhode Island sat east of Connecticut. These colonies formed the northern end of the chain of thirteen British colonies.

2 Keep traveling south and you enter the Middle Colonies. New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware belonged to this region. New York was above New Jersey along the coast. Pennsylvania stretched inland to the west of New Jersey, and Delaware lay south of Pennsylvania. The Middle Colonies made a bridge between New England to the north and the Southern Colonies farther south.

3 Continue south to the Southern Colonies: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Maryland was north of Virginia. Farther down the coast came North Carolina, then South Carolina, then Georgia, the southernmost of the thirteen. Think of the three regions as stretches of a long coastal route, not separate islands. The colonies also reached inland, so the route is a guide to their order, not their full shape.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. A traveler leaves Connecticut and enters New York. Which region has the traveler entered?

2. Which Middle Colony lay south of Pennsylvania? Which Southern Colony lay north of Virginia?

3. Traveling south from Virginia toward Georgia, which two Southern Colonies would you pass through?

4. Which New England colony sat east of Connecticut? Which Middle Colony stretched west of New Jersey?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-stop travel note for a trip from north to south. Choose one colony from each region, name its region, and explain why your stops are in that order.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the first mention of each colony, circle the region named in each paragraph, and number the circled regions from north to south. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	A traveler leaves Connecticut and enters New York. Which region has the traveler entered?	**The Middle Colonies.**
2	Which Middle Colony lay south of Pennsylvania? Which Southern Colony lay north of Virginia?	**Delaware lay south of Pennsylvania. Maryland lay north of Virginia.**
3	Traveling south from Virginia toward Georgia, which two Southern Colonies would you pass through?	**North Carolina, then South Carolina.**
4	Which New England colony sat east of Connecticut? Which Middle Colony stretched west of New Jersey?	**Rhode Island sat east of Connecticut. Pennsylvania stretched west of New Jersey.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I start in Massachusetts in New England, the northern region. Next I visit Delaware in the Middle Colonies, between New England and the Southern Colonies. I finish in Georgia in the Southern Colonies, the southernmost region.

For the travel note, accept any one correctly matched colony from each region, listed from New England to Middle to Southern, with an explanation of the north-to-south order.