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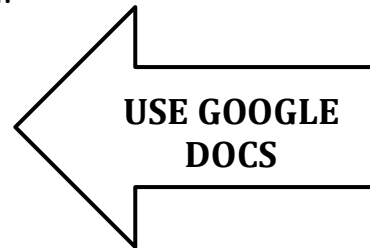
Colonial Region Letter Creative Writing Assignment:

Directions: You will write a mock letter to a loved-one back in England. To do so, you may refer to your notes, the textbook, and your Colonial Region Map. You are to pretend to be a colonist in one of the 3 colonial regions (Your choice: New England, Middle, Southern) writing a letter back home. The letter should be detailed and descriptive about the particular colonial region you are pretending to write from.

It should focus on the:

- Geography and climate
- Economy
- Politics
- Community and overall lifestyle of that region.

- Length 1-2 pages.
- E-mail it to Mrs. Holloway at vholloway@rcs-k12.us (use Google Docs)



Use this basic format:

- I. Dear _____,
- II. Brief introduction (specific colony & colonial region) and personal side of the letter (I miss you and back home, etc.)
- III. Address the weather and geography of your colony/region
- IV. Address the economy of your colony/region
- V. Address the politics and government structure of your colony
- VI. Address the culture and lifestyle of your colony –this would be a good place in the letter to write a story that would provide an example of the conditions you are facing.
- VII. Conclusion: If there is a request or purpose to the letter you may want to address that in the conclusion. (send money, pray for me, I am ready for you to join me, etc.)

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Tips to make your letter excellent. Make it authentic.

- Think about the region. For example, if you are writing from New England you are more than likely not writing to your parents or children because you are already together with them in the new world – maybe a grandparent or a cousin.
- Make it in a letter format beginning with whom it is addressed to and you signing off at the end.
- You want to show the reader what the region is like, not just tell them. Use descriptive details.
- You are welcome to look at the “A Virginia Colonist’s Despair” letter for format and style ideas. <http://www.sitesalive.com/hl/tg/private/hlrwk7a.htm>

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_____ (5) Greeting and brief introduction
Personal side
Identify colony
Identify the colonial region

_____ (5) Geography and climate
Physical features
Climate/weather

_____ (5) Economy
Types of jobs

_____ (5) What kind of government exists?
Documents? / Events?
Names given to the type of government?

_____ (5) Culture and lifestyle
Describe the people
Religion
Conflicts?
Classes of people

_____ (5) Conclusion
Request or purpose
Salutation & signature (End and sign your letter)

_____ **(30) Total**

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