

2.8 Comparison in Period 2

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Objective

Build the skills to **compare colonial regions** 比较区域.

You must be able to:

- state what a comparison must contain
- name a similarity across the British regions
- name a difference and its basis
- avoid describing regions instead of comparing them

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ What it contains

A similarity, a difference, and a stated basis of comparison. Two descriptions side by side are not a comparison.

■ A similarity

All the British colonies participated in the Atlantic slave trade to varying degrees, all developed self-governing institutions unusually democratic for the era, and all experienced gradual Anglicization.

■ A difference

The labour system and its scale —few enslaved labourers on New England farms, large numbers on Chesapeake and southern Atlantic plantations, with enslaved people often a majority in the southernmost colonies. The basis of comparison is the region's economy and the labour it required.

■ Not description

The comparison is the sentence naming the basis and saying how the regions stand on it. Everything before that is evidence.

2 Practice

2.1 State the three things a comparison must contain. [3]

2.2 Name a similarity across the British colonial regions. [2]

2.3 Compare two regions on labour.

(a) State the basis of comparison. [1]

(b) State how two regions stand on it. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Two descriptions side by side are [1]

- **A** a comparison
- **B** not yet a comparison
- **C** a causation claim
- **D** a continuity argument

3.2 A similarity across all the British colonies is [1]

- **A** participation in the Atlantic slave trade to varying degrees
- **B** identical economies
- **C** no self-government
- **D** identical religions

3.3 Write a comparison of New England and the southern Atlantic colonies. [4]

4 Go further

- work through the **2.8 Comparison in Period 2** lesson on the **Learn** page;
- read the **Period 2: 1607-1754** section of the AP US History handout on the **Know** page.

Solutions

2.1 a similarity; a difference; a stated basis of comparison.

2.2 any one of: participation in the Atlantic slave trade to varying degrees; self-governing institutions unusually democratic for the era; gradual Anglicization.

2.3 (a) the region's economy and the labour it required. (b) New England's small farms used relatively few enslaved labourers; the southern Atlantic plantations depended on enslaved Africans who often formed the majority.

3.1 B. the comparative sentence is missing.

3.2 A. all participated to varying degrees.

3.3 the basis stated; a similarity with evidence; a difference with evidence; a sentence relating the two rather than describing each in turn.