

2.8 Comparison in Period 2

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• self-governing institutions 自治机构 • anglicization 英国化 • chesapeake 切萨皮克

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]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- 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]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- 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]
