

Growth of the Thirteen Colonies

TOPIC SUMMARY

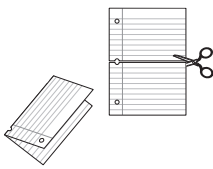
The economic activity of the New England Colonies centered on farming, shipbuilding, fishing, and trade. The Middle Colonies depended on the sale of cash crops, such as wheat and corn. The Southern Colonies depended on enslaved African plantation workers for the production of cash crops such as tobacco and rice. The developing American culture valued education, religion, family life, scientific curiosity, and a free press. In the 1750s, French and British rivalry in North America led to the French and Indian War. The war ended with the Treaty of Paris, which forced France to give up Canada and other lands to Great Britain. The Native Americans were left without allies and trading partners.

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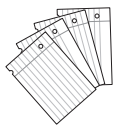
FOLDABLES
Study Organizer

Organizing Information This Foldable will help summarize what students learn about the growth of the colonies.

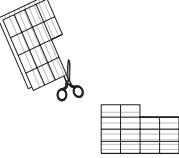
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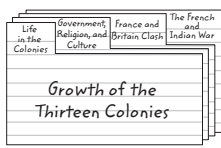
Step 2 Fold both sheets in half and then in half again.



Step 3 Cut tabs into three sheets so each sheet has its own tab. Leave the fourth sheet whole.



Step 4 Label your Foldable as shown.



Reading and Writing
List facts about life in the colonies and the challenges colonists faced.

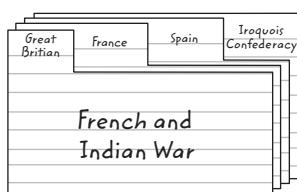
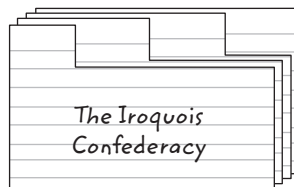
TOPIC ACTIVITY IDEAS

Creative Writing

Have students create the Study Foldable above and label it as shown. Then have them list facts, including important people and places, on the bottom portion of the tabs. Organize students into small groups. Have each group develop a short story using the information from the Foldable. Encourage students to be creative. For example, students could imagine themselves as a young person living in one of the colonies, or as a Native American during the French and Indian War. Invite volunteers to share their stories with the rest of the class.

• **EVALUATING**

- This Foldable will help students learn more about the Iroquois Confederacy.
- Ask students to choose four of the Native American nations of the Confederacy and label the tabs with their choices. Students should use the Internet and the library to research the nations they have chosen.
- Ask students to record important facts about each nation under each Foldable tab. Make a list of the five nations on the board and ask students to share the facts they have found.



• **ASSESSING**

- Students will learn how the North American continent changed after the French and Indian War. Ask students to research the territories held by Great Britain, France, Spain, and the Iroquois Confederacy before the war began and list them on the Foldable. Have students identify how those territories changed after the war. Invite students to assess the impact of these changes on the North American continent.

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Student Study Tip

Give students the following tips on giving oral presentations. First, students should introduce their audience to their topic. Next, they should focus on the content of their presentation. This is where they should spend the most time. Remind them to speak clearly and to avoid phrases such as *um* and *like*. If students use visual aids, they should make sure the visual aids reinforce or illustrate a point. Students should conclude their presentation by giving a summary of the main points they covered.