Interpreting Maps:
The Colonial Economy and Religious and Ethnic Diversity

Part A.
Directions: Study the accompanying maps to answer the following questions. In each instance, write the letter of the correct response, identify the map (or maps) containing the information, and cite specific evidence that supports the answer.

1. Which nationality was the most common in all the colonies?
   a. German
   b. Scotch-Irish
   c. English
   d. African

2. Which colonial section had the least variety of economic activity?
   a. South
   b. Middle colonies
   c. New England

3. Which colonial section had the most diversity of religions?
   a. New England
   b. Middle Colonies
   c. South

4. Which section had the widest range of languages and cultures?
   a. New England
   b. Middle colonies
   c. South
   d. Frontier

5. Which of the following factors best tied the colonists together?
   a. religion
   b. trade
   c. language

6. Which of the following best reflected the presence of England in all sections of the colonies?
   a. Anglican Church
   b. slavery
   c. fishing

7. Which colonial section best reflected the melting pot of nationalities?
   a. South
   b. New England
   c. Middle colonies

8. Which section of the colonies had the least urban development?
   a. South
   b. Middle colonies
   c. New England
Part B.
**Directions:** Respond to the following items.

1. List at least four similarities among the three sections of colonial America.

2. List at least four differences among the three sections of colonial America.

3. A society is characterized by similar values, mutual interests, shared institutions, and a common culture. Consider the following question: To what extent would it be accurate to say that the New England, Middle, and Southern colonies had merged to create a single American society by the outbreak of the Revolution? Assume that your teacher has asked you to write a four-page paper on this question. Brainstorm questions for which you need answers in order to formulate a carefully considered response.