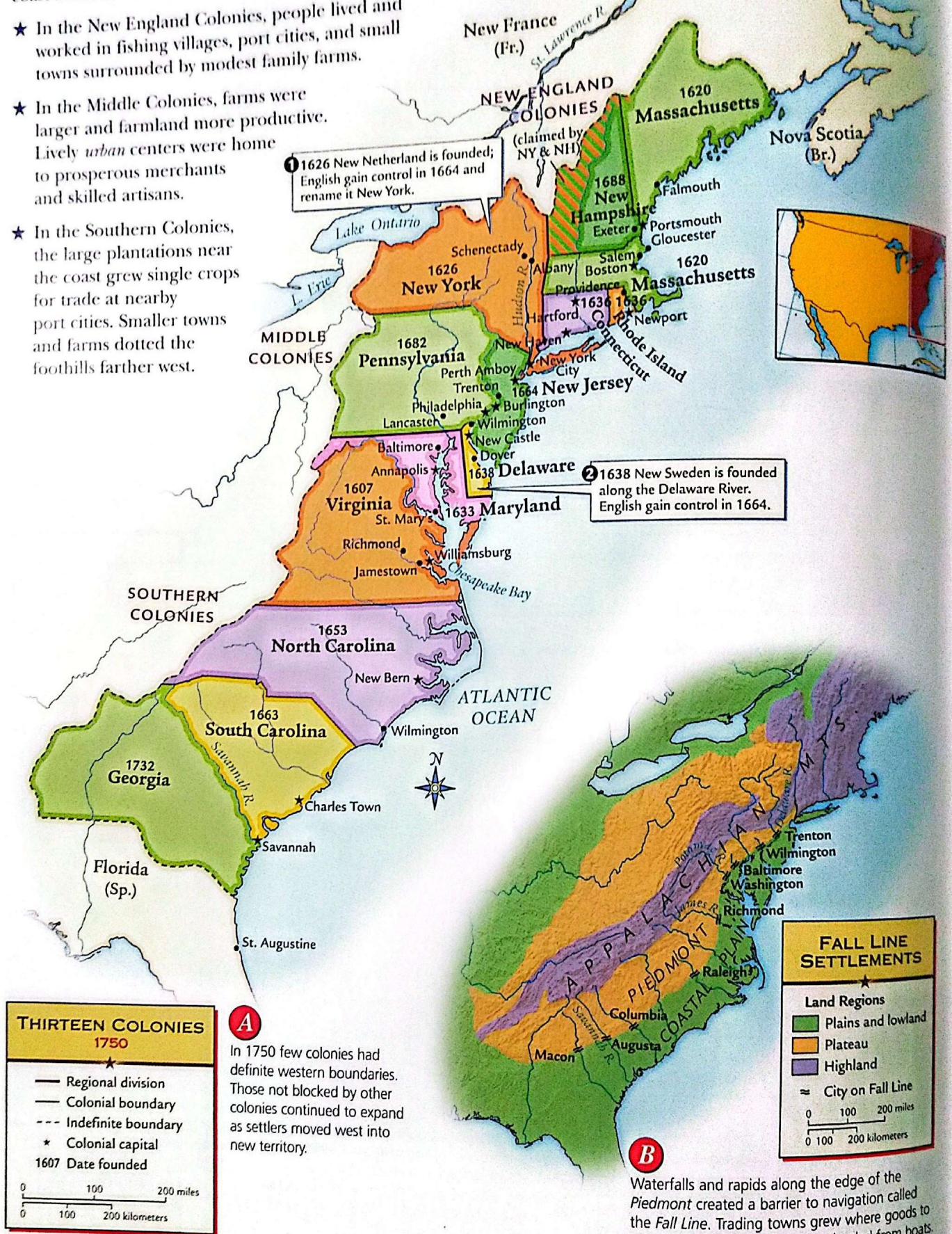


The Thirteen British Colonies

By 1750 there were 13 British colonies along the Atlantic coast south of New France.

- ★ In the New England Colonies, people lived and worked in fishing villages, port cities, and small towns surrounded by modest family farms.
- ★ In the Middle Colonies, farms were larger and farmland more productive. Lively *urban* centers were home to prosperous merchants and skilled artisans.
- ★ In the Southern Colonies, the large plantations near the coast grew single crops for trade at nearby port cities. Smaller towns and farms dotted the foothills farther west.



A In 1750 few colonies had definite western boundaries. Those not blocked by other colonies continued to expand as settlers moved west into new territory.

B Waterfalls and rapids along the edge of the Piedmont created a barrier to navigation called the Fall Line. Trading towns grew where goods to be carried past the falls were unloaded from boats.