

**The Middle Colonies
Assessment – Sample Answers**

Reasons for Founding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Religious freedom• Opportunity• Farm land
Influence of Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many rivers and other natural resources.• The land was good for farming• The climate was healthier than that of the Southern Colonies.• Settlements grew along rivers and the ocean.
Economic Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both small farms and large farms – growing mainly grain• Some manufacturing
Push Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quakers had been persecuted for their religious beliefs in England and New England.• Lack of land and opportunity in countries like England, France and Germany.• Hardships in countries like Ireland
Pull Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good farmland was available• There was the hope for religious freedom.• Religious and ethnic diversity