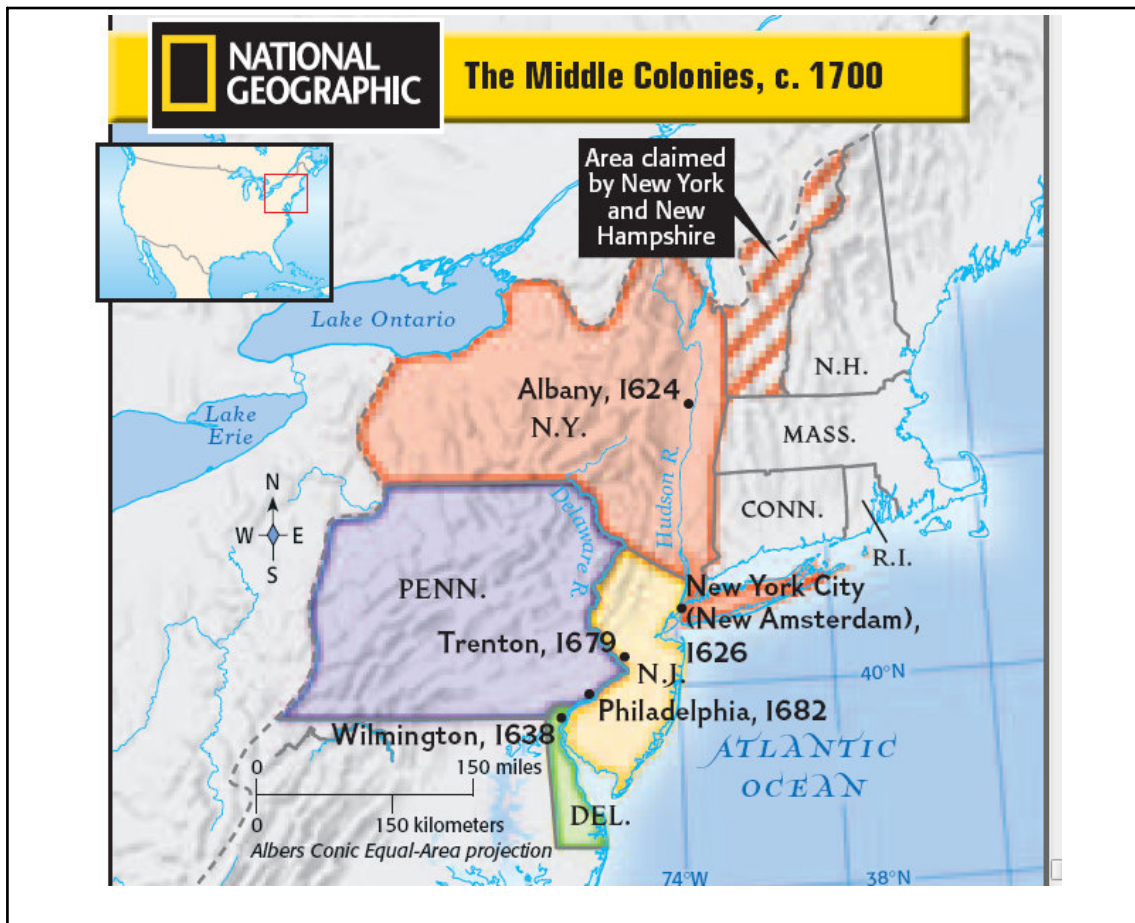


# The Middle Colonies

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- New Netherland becomes New York
  - Dutch officials encouraged farming
  - Most settlers lived in trading centers
  - Religious freedom
  - Peter Stuyvesant surrenders the colony to England and the King gives it to his brother who renames it New York

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- New Jersey
  - Duke of York decides that New York is too big and gives land to his friends who set up a proprietary colony called New Jersey in 1664.
  - Fertile farmland; Attracted people from many lands
  - In 1702 New Jersey becomes a royal colony

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- **William Penn** comes from a wealthy family and shocks everyone by becoming a Quaker
- **Quakers**
  - One of the most despised religious groups in England
  - Protestant Reformers
  - Believe all people are equal in God's sight (allow women to preach in public, spoke against war, etc)
  - Arrested, fined, hung for their beliefs
  - William Penn believes the Quakers should flee England and he receives a charter for Pennsylvania in 1681

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- **William Penn**
  - Calls Pennsylvania a "Holy Experiment" and wanted it to be a model for religious freedom, peace, and Christian living
  - Protestants, Catholics, and Jews come here to escape persecution
  - Penn believed in fair treatment of Native Americans

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- Delaware
  - Formed from lands in Pennsylvania along the lower Delaware River. Did not want to travel all the way to Pennsylvania so they form their own assembly.
  - Later, they break away to form their own colony.

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## The Middle Colonies

- Life in the Middle Colonies
  - Farming – rich, fertile valleys of the Hudson and Delaware rivers
    - Wheat, barley and rye – Cash Crops
    - Beef, Pork, Butter
  - Exported so much grain they became known as the Bread-basket colonies
  - Large farms, skilled artisans
  - Iron Ore

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