

SECTION  
**3**

# Reading for Understanding

## ▶ Key Ideas

### BEFORE, YOU LEARNED

The Middle Colonies attracted a diverse population who favored religious tolerance.

### NOW YOU WILL LEARN

Rich farmland and a climate of tolerance helped the Middle Colonies prosper.

## ▶ Vocabulary

### TERMS & NAMES

**Philadelphia** settlement on the Delaware River that became the fastest growing city in the colonies

**Conestoga wagons** covered wagons introduced by German immigrants

### BACKGROUND VOCABULARY

**artisans** skilled craftspeople, such as blacksmiths and cabinet makers

**denomination** distinct religious group

### REVIEW

**Quakers** group of Protestant dissenters

**tolerance** acceptance of different opinions



Visual Vocabulary  
blacksmith

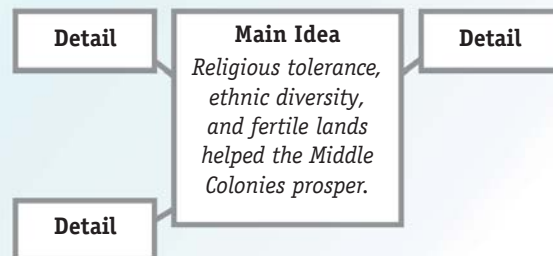
## ▶ Reading Strategy

Re-create the diagram shown at right. As you read and respond to the **KEY QUESTIONS**, use the diagram to note important details that support the Main Idea of this section.



See Skillbuilder Handbook, page R4.

### MAIN IDEAS AND DETAILS



### GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS

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