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# Reading for Understanding

## ▶ Key Ideas

### BEFORE, YOU LEARNED

Colonial settlers came from different backgrounds and established varied and prosperous economies.

### NOW YOU WILL LEARN

The British colonies developed a unique culture shaped by prosperity, literacy, and new movements in religion and thought.

## ▶ Vocabulary

### TERMS & NAMES

**Benjamin Franklin** American writer, publisher, scientist, inventor, and diplomat

**Great Awakening** Christian religious movement

**Enlightenment** philosophical movement stressing human reason

**Jonathan Edwards** preacher who delivered fiery sermons during the Great Awakening

**George Whitefield** preacher who drew large crowds during the Great Awakening

**John Locke** English philosopher who argued that people have natural rights

### BACKGROUND VOCABULARY

**apprentice** (a•PREN•tis) one who is learning a trade from an experienced craftsman

**literacy** the ability to read and write

### REVIEW

**diversity** variety



**Visual Vocabulary**  
apprentice

## ▶ 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



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