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Reading for Understanding

▶ Key Ideas

BEFORE, YOU LEARNED

Southern planters grew rich from exporting tobacco and rice.

NOW YOU WILL LEARN

In the Southern Colonies, the need for cheap labor led to a dependence on slavery.

▶ Vocabulary

TERMS AND NAMES

Bacon's Rebellion 1676 rebellion in Virginia

Eliza Lucas introduced indigo as a successful plantation crop

Stono Rebellion 1739 slave rebellion in South Carolina

REVIEW

Tidewater the flat land along the coast

elite the highest ranking social group

BACKGROUND VOCABULARY

cash crops crops raised to be sold for money

overseers people who watch over and direct the work of slaves

indigo plant that produces a deep blue dye



Visual Vocabulary
indigo plant and dyed yarn

▶ Reading Strategy

Re-create the diagram shown at right. As you read and respond to the **KEY QUESTIONS**, use the chart to show the difference between the Tidewater and the western frontier.



See Skillbuilder Handbook, page R8.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Tidewater
wealthy planters

**Western
Frontier**



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