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Reading for Understanding

▶ Key Ideas

BEFORE, YOU LEARNED

Poorer settlers moved into the far western parts of Virginia and other colonies.

NOW YOU WILL LEARN

Settlers in the Backcountry developed their own regional traditions and culture.

▶ Vocabulary

TERMS & NAMES

Appalachian Mountains mountain range stretching from eastern Canada south to Alabama

Scots-Irish the name given to people from the borderlands of Scotland and England and from the region of northern Ireland

BACKGROUND VOCABULARY

fall line the point at which waterfalls prevent large boats from moving farther upriver

Piedmont the broad plateau that lies at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains of the Appalachian range

clans large groups of families that claim a common ancestor



Visual Vocabulary
Appalachian Mountains

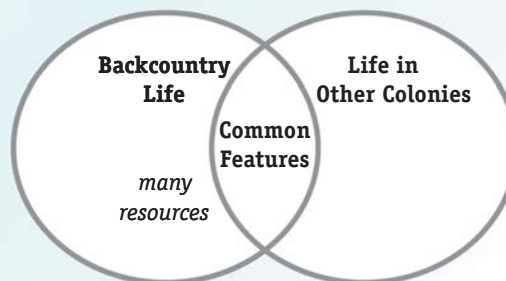
▶ Reading Strategy

Re-create the diagram shown at right. As you read and respond to the **KEY QUESTIONS**, use the diagram to compare Backcountry life with life in the other colonies.



See Skillbuilder Handbook, page R8.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST



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