VISUAL SUMMARY

**The Colonies Come of Age**

**Trade**
The colonies supplied Britain with raw materials and bought Britain’s manufactured goods.

**Regional Distinctions**
Industry developed in the Northern colonies, while the South became predominantly agricultural.

**French and Indian War**
The British victory in the French and Indian War brought about both territorial expansion and new tensions with the American colonies.

**Tensions**
Britain limits westward expansion. Colonists want to expand westward.
Recall your discussion of the question on page 65: How can the colonies achieve equality and freedom?

In a small group, discuss whether or not equality and freedom have been achieved in the United States today. Prepare an oral or visual presentation comparing equality and freedom in the United States today with equality and freedom in the colonies in the early 1700s.

In the 1700s an intellectual movement known as the Enlightenment developed in Europe and spread to the colonies. Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson were among those colonists heavily influenced by Enlightenment ideas. In which of the following ways did the Enlightenment affect the colonists?

A. Enlightenment ideas led people to expand the trade in enslaved persons.
B. Enlightenment ideas stirred people to rededicate themselves to God.
C. Enlightenment ideas persuaded people to establish colonies in order to generate a favorable balance of trade.
D. Enlightenment ideas convinced people of the importance of civil rights.

2. LEARNING FROM MEDIA Use the CD-ROM Electronic Library of Primary Sources or your library resources to review significant political, economic, and social developments of the colonial period. Then write a short speech commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of a colony.

- Write your speech based on your research, taking into account both hardships and triumphs. What were the key turning points? What lessons are important to remember? And, on the eve of the 100th anniversary, what challenges or difficulties are you prepared to forecast?
- Conclude your speech by reflecting back on the charter establishing the colony. Has the history of the past 100 years supported or strayed from the original colonists’ intentions?
- Share your speech with your classmates.