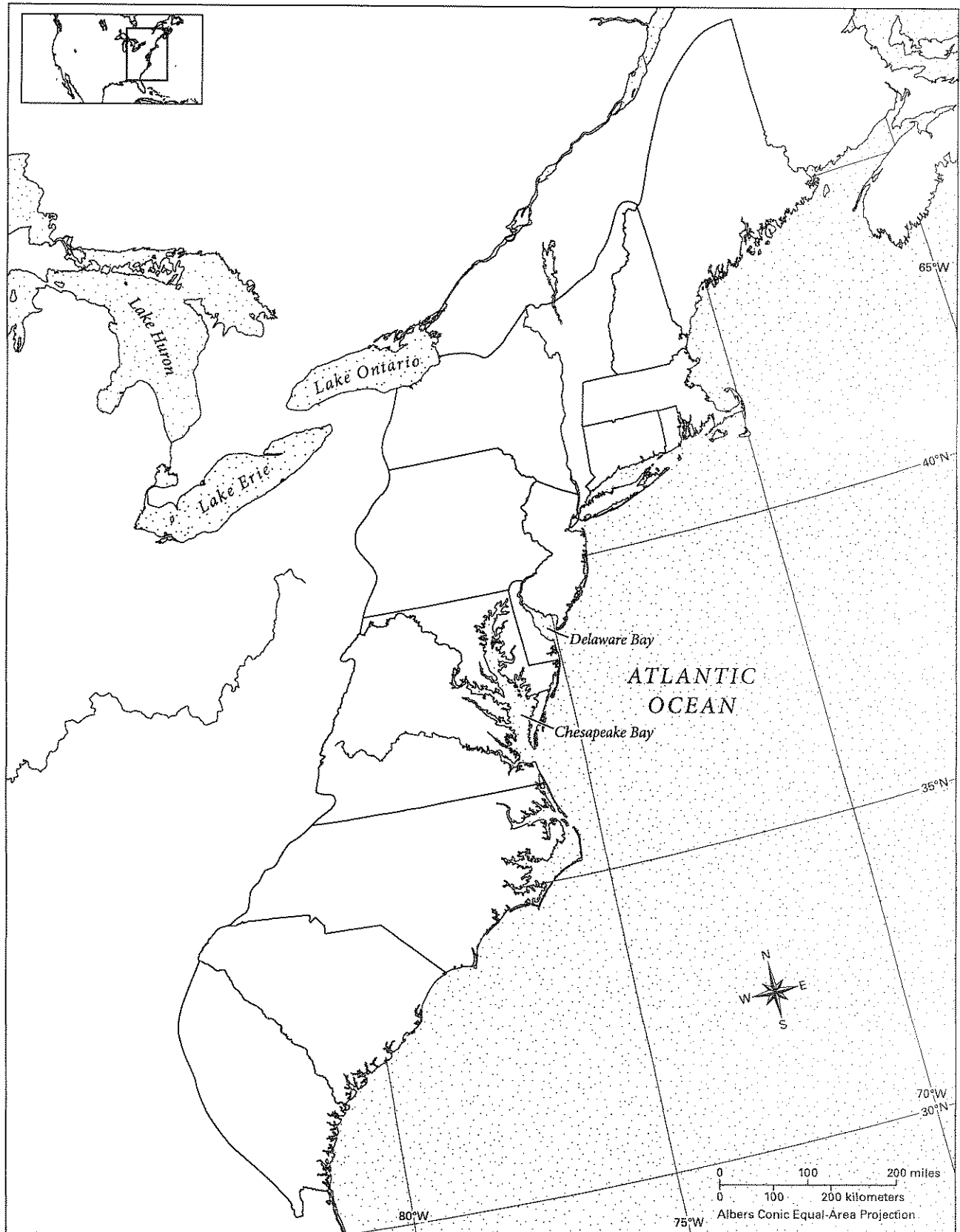


The Thirteen Colonies



Geography Skills

Analyze the maps in “Setting the Stage”. Then answer the following questions and fill out the map as directed.

1. Label each colony on the map. Also add and label the colonies’ largest cities: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Charleston. What do the locations of all four cities have in common?
2. Draw and label the Appalachian Mountains on your map. How many colonists per square mile lived across most of this region?
3. Circle the region where the most colonists lived. What cities does this region include?
4. Shade in the colonies that had large populations of Loyalists. Which of the three main colonial regions had the fewest Loyalists?
5. Based on your map, in which colonies do you predict the goal of independence would have been strongest? Use information from your map to explain why.
6. Label Lake Champlain and the Hudson River. Also add and label Albany. If British armies in Canada and New York City wanted to divide New England from the rest of the colonies, how could they have used the physical geography of this region to carry out this strategy?

