**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 3—Founding the Southern Colonies in the Seventeenth Century, 1601–1700**

* **What were the most important factors that shaped England’s southern colonies in the seventeenth century?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to remind yourself how relations between colonists and Native Americans, colonists' use of their surroundings, the organization of labor, and religious beliefs and practices shaped the southern colonies in the seventeenth century. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the factors in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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|  | **English-Native American relations** | **Natural resources/ environment** | **Labor** | **Religion** |
| **What challenges faced early Chesapeake colonists?** |  |  |  |  |
| **How did Chesapeake tobacco society take shape?** |  |  |  |  |
| **Why did Chesapeake colonial society change in the late seventeenth century?** |  |  |  |  |
| **Why did the southern colonies move toward a slave labor system?** |  |  |  |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the following question:*

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*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. When thinking about how to organize this essay, you might want to consider which of the factors above were most important in the early part of the seventeenth century and which were most important at the end of the century. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*