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The Carolina Charter of 1663

Directions: Wanting to repay those who had helped him regain the throne of England, Charles II granted the colony of Carolina to eight friends, who became the eight Lords Proprietors. An excerpt from the charter is printed below. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

...for us, our heirs and successors, do give, grant and confirm unto the said Edward Earl of Clarendon, George Duke of Albemarle, William Lord Craven, Atolls Lord Berkley, Anthony Lord Ashley, Sir George Carteret, Sir William Berkley, and Sir John Colleton, their heirs and assigns, all that territory or tract of ground, scituate, lying and being within our dominions of America, extending from the north end of the island called Lucke island, which lieth in the southern Virginia seas, and within six and thirty degrees of the northern latitude, and to the west as far as the south seas, and so southerly as far as the river St. Matthias, which bordereth upon the coast of Florida, and within one and thirty degrees of northern latitude, and so west in a direct line as far as the south seas aforesaid; together with all and singular ports, harbours, bays, rivers, isles and islets belonging to the country aforesaid; and also all the soil, lands, fields, woods, mountlills, fields, lakes, rivers, bays and islets, scituate or being within the bounds or limits aforesaid, with the fishing of all sorts of fish, whales, sturgeons and all other royal fishes in the sea, bays, islets and rivers within the premises, and the fish therein taken; and moreover all veins, mines, quarries, as well discovered as not discovered, of gold, silver, gems, precious stones, and all other whatsoever, be it of stones, metals, or any other thing whatsoever, found or to be found within the countries, isles and limits aforesaid.

1. The proprietors were given land between what two lines of latitude? _____

2. List the resources that the proprietors would have been able to make money from. ____

3. Was the land the property of King Charles to give away? Why do you think he felt the right to do so? _____

4. Why do you think the charter did not include Florida? _____

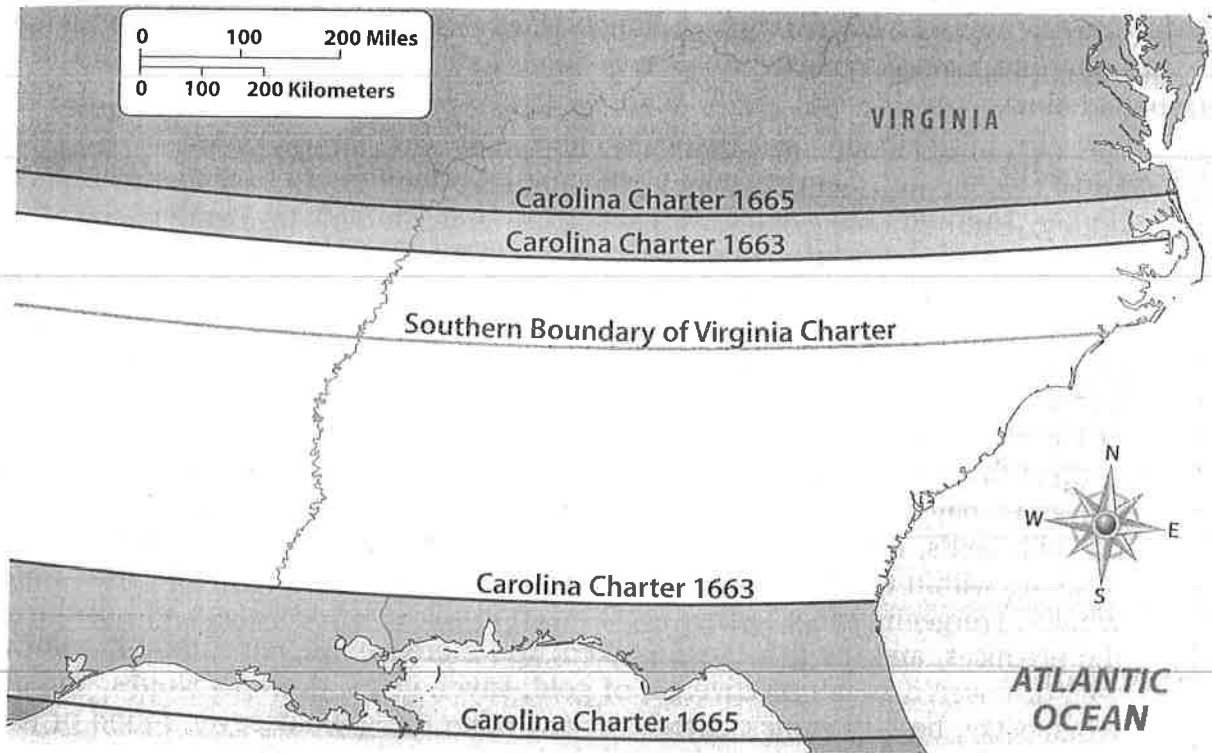
5. What do we know the "south sea" as today? _____

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Mapping Skills: Carolina Charter

Directions: Study the map below and answer the questions that follow.



1. How did the borders of North Carolina change from 1663 to 1665? _____

2. Since the boundary lines of Carolina extended westward, they stopped at what ocean?

3. The area of the Carolina Charter and the Virginia Charter overlapped. What problems do you think this would have caused? _____
