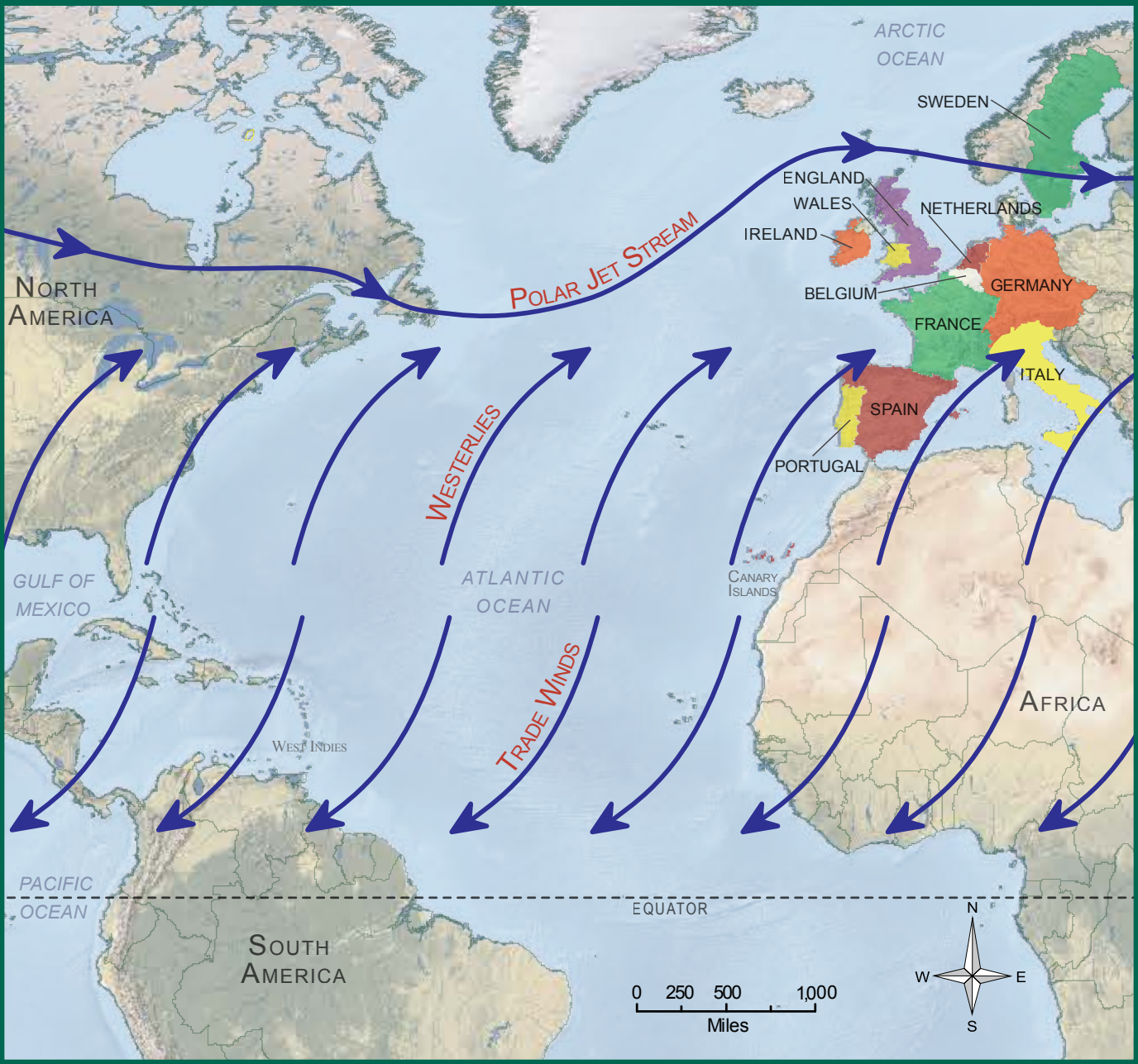
VA #1 European Landings on the Eastern Seaboard

VA #2 American Indian Nations—Eastern Seaboard, 1600

VA #3 The 13 Colonies in 1763

VA #4 Wind Currents of the Northern Atlantic



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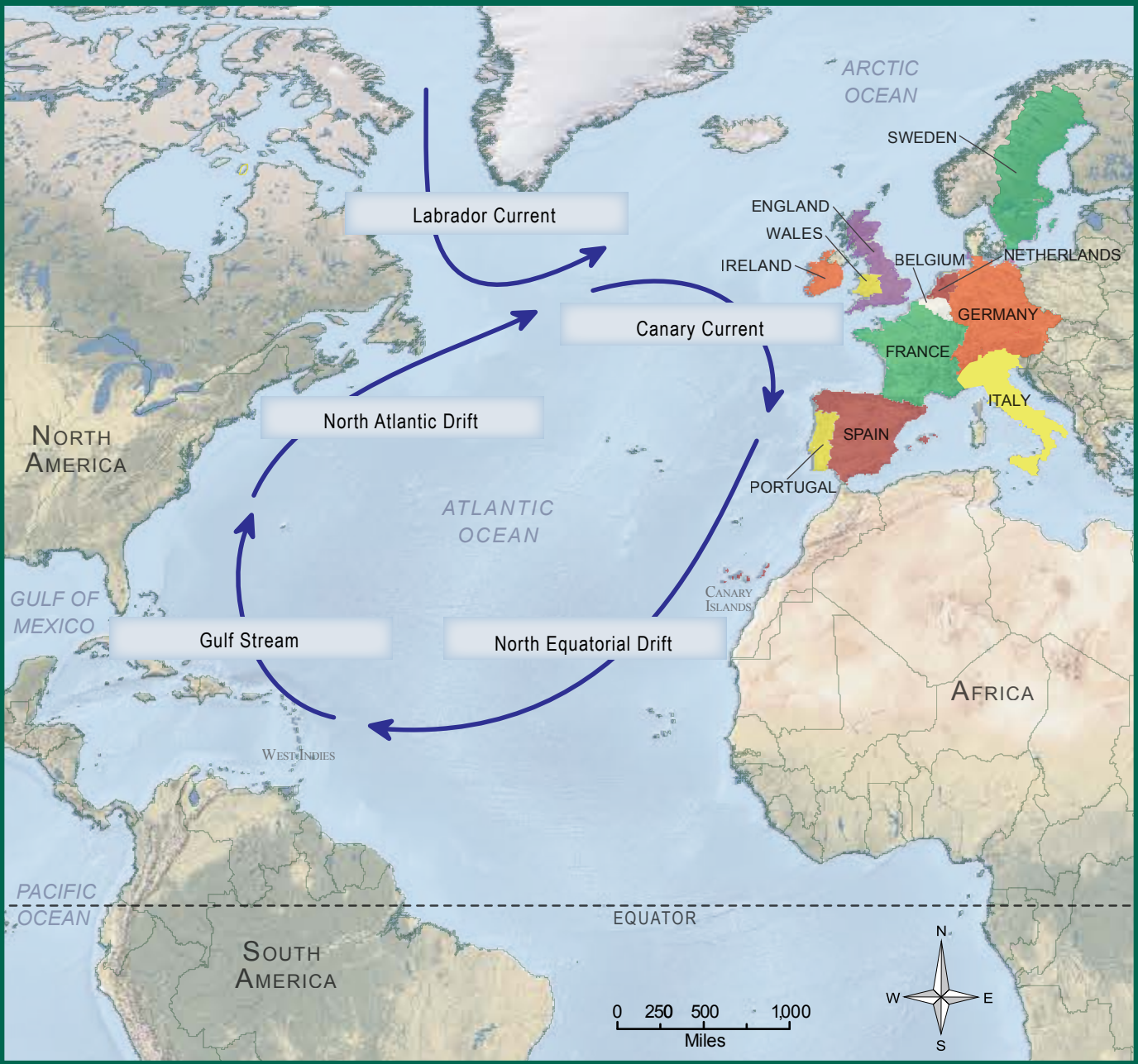


VA #6 A Letter from Thomas Hariot

Thomas Hariot
Brief and True Report of the Newfound Land of Virginia (1588)
Abridged and Revised

For the wholesomeness of the climate, I need to say but thus much: that even though we did not have much food from England, we were able to live from the products of Virginia. Some of them were very strange to us, and we thought they might give us some grievous and dangerous diseases. Secondly, we did not have tools from England for catching beasts, fish, and fowl. We could only catch them with the help of the Indians. Some want also we had of clothes. Furthermore, in all our work, often in winter, we also had to camp in the open air upon the ground. And yet I say for all this, only four of our whole company died all the year. And all four, especially three of them were feeble, weak, and sickly persons.

Seeing therefore the air there is so temperate and wholesome, the soil so fertile, and yielding such commodities, as I have before mentioned, colonists shall both enrich themselves, as also others that deal with them.

From Michael P. Branch, ed., Reading the Roots: American Nature Writing Before Walden, pp 50, 51.

VA #7 A Letter from Thomas Morton

Thomas Morton
From the New England Canaan (1637)
Abridged and Revised

The more I looked at New England, the more I liked it. And when I had more seriously considered of the beauty of the place, with all her advantages, I did not think that in all the known world there was any place as good. There are many goodly groves of trees, dainty hills, delicate plains, sweet crystal fountains, and clear running streams. Contained within the Land, are Fowls in abundance, Fish in multitude, and Millions of Turtledoves.

From Michael P. Branch, ed., Reading the Roots: American Nature Writing Before Walden, p 58.

VA #8 A Letter from John Lawson

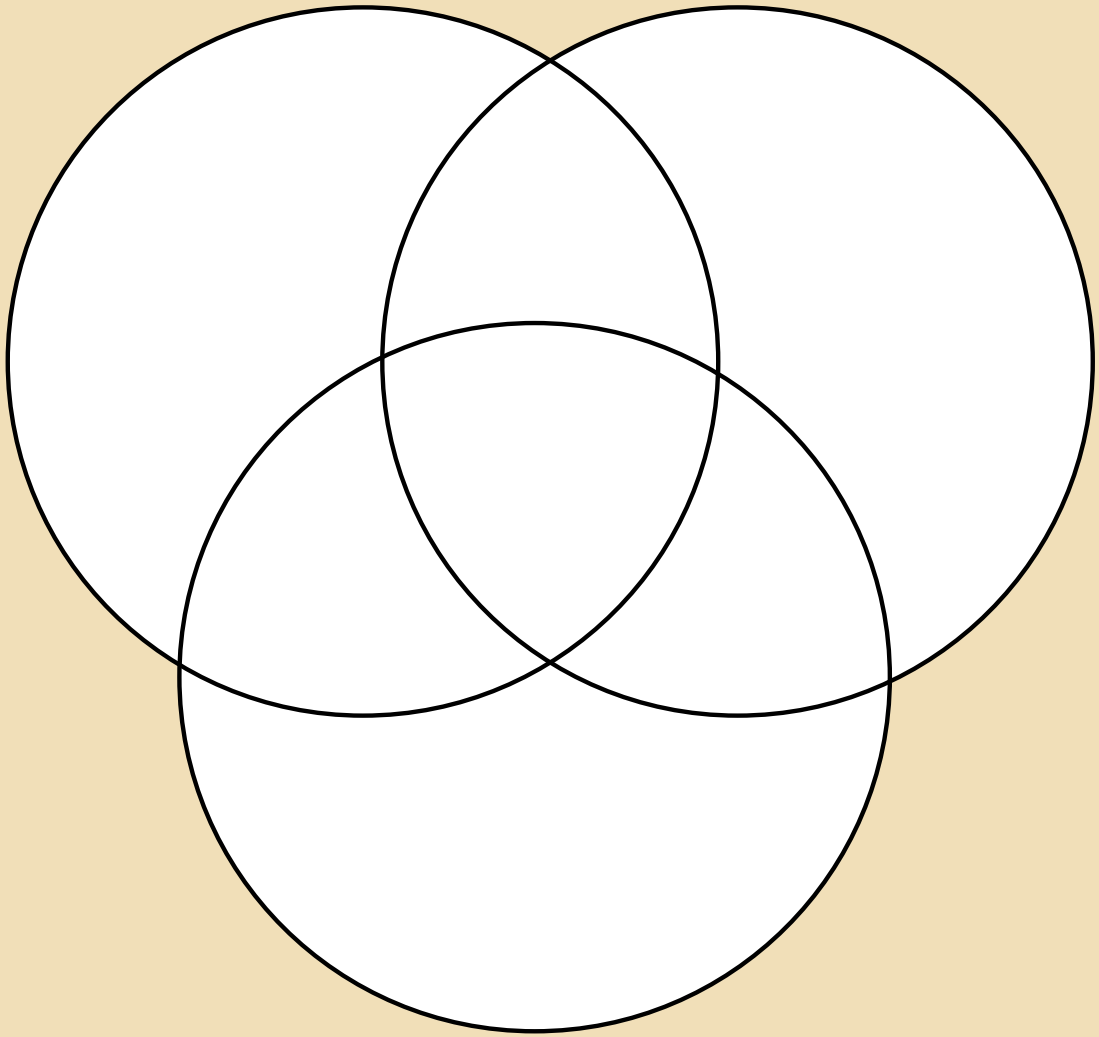
John Lawson
A New Voyage to Carolina (1709)
Abridged and Revised

As for Climate, we enjoy a very wholesome and serene Sky, and a pure and thin Air. The Winter is so mild, that it looks like an Autumn. Winters in Pennsylvania, New York, and New England are ten times (if possible) colder than with us. This frees our English Constitutions from a great many dangerous diseases.

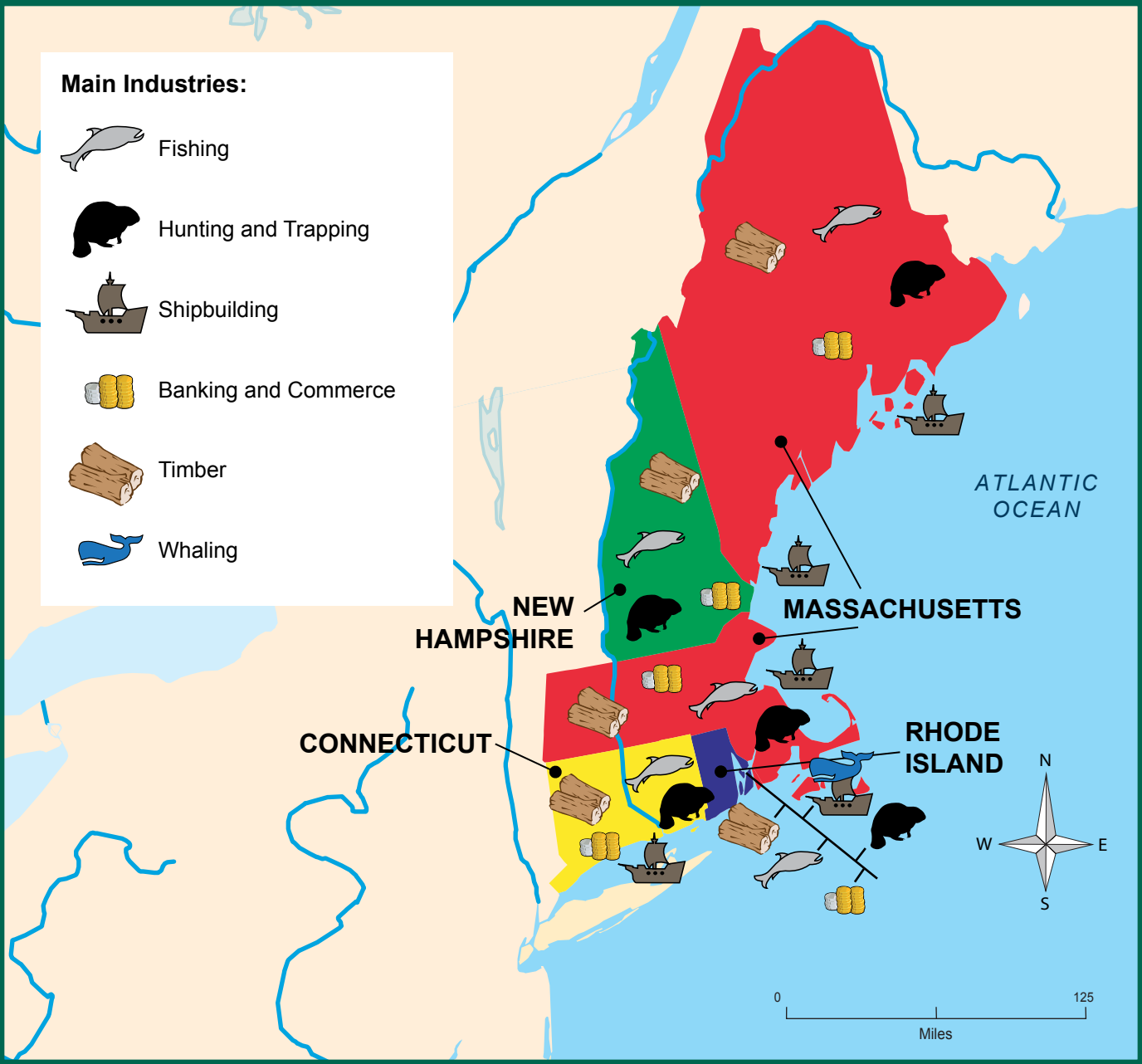
There are a great many Alligators in Carolina. Some of these Creatures afford a great deal of Musk. Their Tail, when cut off, looks very fair and white, seemingly like the best of Veal. Some People have eaten thereof, and say, it is delicate Meat, when they happen not to be musky. Their Flesh is accounted proper for such as are troubled with the lame Distemper, (a sort of Rheumatism) so is the Fat very good to remove Aches and Pains. The Teeth of this Creature, when dead, are taken out, to make Bullets for Guns.

From Michael P. Branch, ed., Reading the Roots: American Nature Writing Before Walden, pp 108, 109.

VA #9 Three Regions of Colonial America



VA #10 New England Colonies



VA #11 Middle Colonies

VA #12 Southern Colonies

VA #13 The Proclamation of 1763