

ORAL QUIZ ON ROGER WILLIAMS

The points and level of detail given below are those which a lower-grammar student might be expected to know from his reading, though he may not include every detail. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

Roger Williams and the Founding of Providence

1. Who was Roger Williams and why was he persecuted by the Massachusetts Bay Colony?
Roger Williams was a minister who spoke out about religious and political freedom. His “dangerous new ideas” were not welcomed in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
2. How did the General Court of the colony plan to punish Roger?
The court convicted him of being a traitor and planned on sending him back to England to be imprisoned.
3. How did Roger respond to the news of the General Court’s decision?
Though he was saddened to be found guilty by the court, he placed his faith in God and trusted in His providence to protect and care for him.
4. Where did Roger Williams flee to and who helped him?
Because he was in danger of arrest, Williams fled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony in the winter of 1635. The Narragansett Indians, friends from his days in Plymouth, helped Williams and allowed him and his family to stay in an Indian village during the winter until spring.
5. What new settlement did Roger Williams establish that offered religious freedom to all who settled there?
The following year in 1636, Williams founded Providence. It became the capital of the colony of Rhode Island and allowed freedom of religion to all who settled there.

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2. HOW DID THE GENERAL COURT OF THE COLONY PLAN TO PUNISH ROGER?

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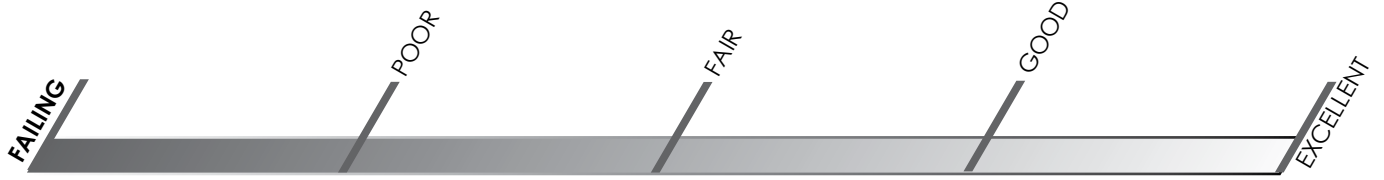
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3. HOW DID ROGER RESPOND TO THE NEWS OF THE GENERAL COURT'S DECISION?

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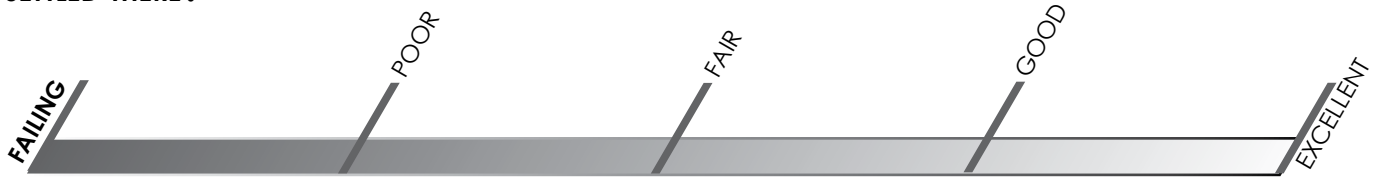
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5. WHAT SETTLEMENT DID ROGER WILLIAMS ESTABLISH THAT OFFERED RELIGIOUS FREEDOM TO ALL WHO SETTLED THERE?



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