

**ORAL QUIZ ON LIFE IN NEW AMSTERDAM**

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.

1. To what colony did New Amsterdam belong?  
*New Amsterdam was a settlement located along the Hudson River Valley, in the larger colony of New Netherland.*
2. On what present-day island was New Amsterdam located?  
*New Amsterdam was located on the present-day island of Manhattan in New York City.*
3. What were the colonists of this area called?  
*The people who resided in New Amsterdam were primarily Dutch settlers from the Netherlands. However, the settlement included people from other countries as well, such as western Europe, the Caribbean, and west Africa.*
4. When the colonists first arrived, what did they build?  
*The Dutch colonists brought with them supplies and tools to build their settlement. They first built Fort Amsterdam for protection and then built homes situated around it.*
5. Who were their Indian neighbors? Did the colonists get along with them?  
*The Algonquin Indians lived in the area, and for the most part, there were peaceful relations between them and the Dutch colonists. (For a period of about seven years, fighting between them did occur, but a peace agreement was eventually made.)*
6. What was the main occupation of the colonists?  
*The Dutch colonists were primarily farmers. They grew all of their own vegetables, grains, and crops.*
7. What did the colonists use that greatly helped them in their work?  
*The colonists relied on the windmill to power many of their jobs, like grinding grain, pumping water, and cutting wood.*
8. Did all the children of New Amsterdam attend school?  
*No. The families in New Amsterdam had to pay in order for their children to attend school. Some families were too poor to afford an education for their children. All children, however, learned to help with chores in the house.*
9. Who was Peter Stuyvesant, and what happened to New Netherland under his leadership?  
*He was the director-general (governor) of the New Netherland colony. In 1664, the English sent a fleet of ships to seize New Netherland. Because the colony was not equipped to defend itself, Peter Stuyvesant reluctantly surrendered the colony to the English without a fight. The new English colony was renamed New York.*

1. TO WHAT COLONY DID NEW AMSTERDAM BELONG?

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2. ON WHAT PRESENT-DAY ISLAND WAS NEW AMSTERDAM LOCATED?

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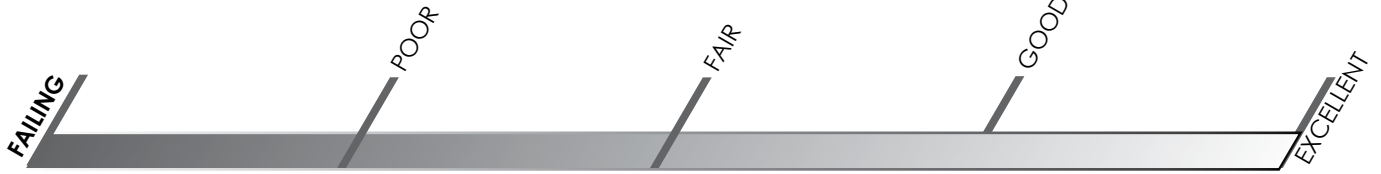
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3. WHAT WERE THE COLONISTS OF THIS AREA CALLED?

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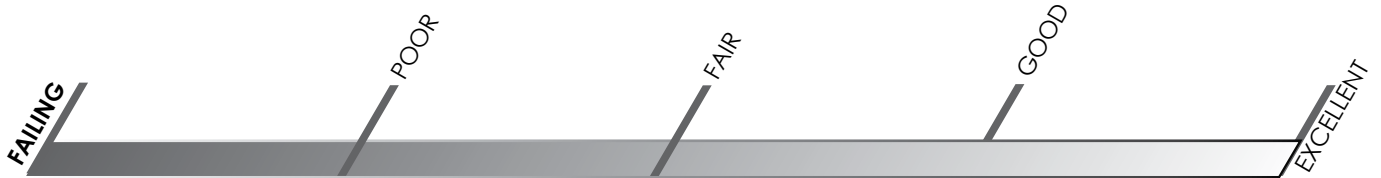
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4. WHEN THE COLONISTS FIRST ARRIVED, WHAT DID THEY BUILD?



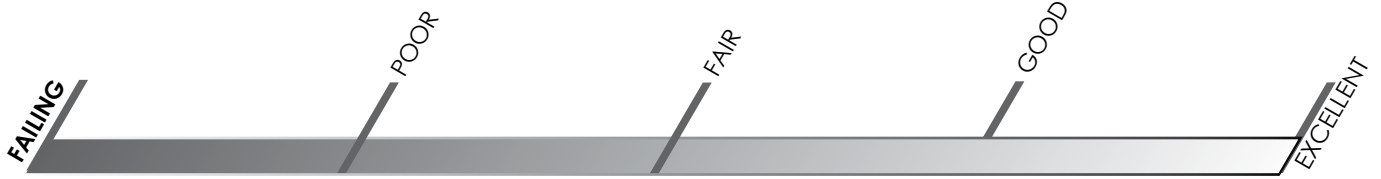
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5. WHO WERE THEIR INDIAN NEIGHBORS? DID THE COLONISTS GET ALONG WITH THEM?



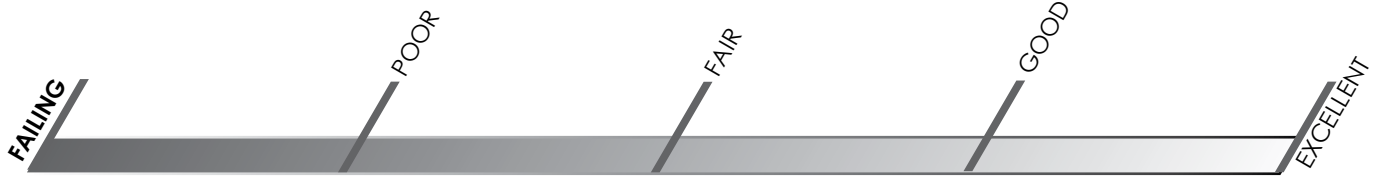
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6. WHAT WAS THE MAIN OCCUPATION OF THE COLONISTS?



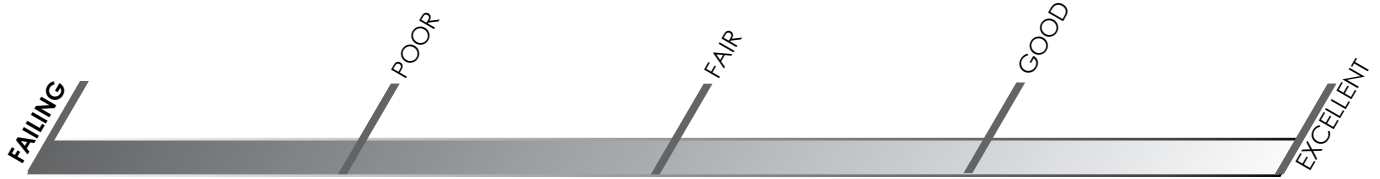
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7. WHAT DID THE COLONISTS USE THAT GREATLY HELPED THEM IN THEIR WORK?



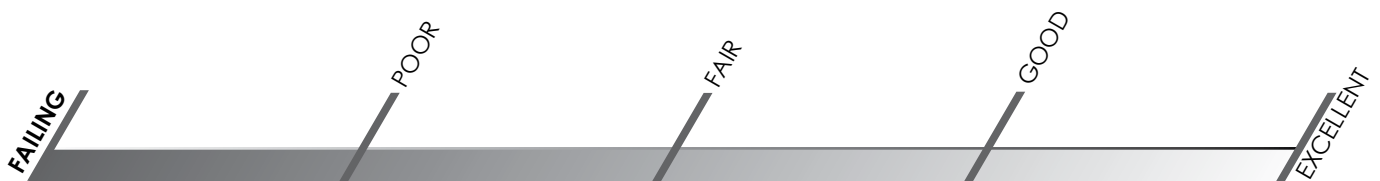
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8. DID ALL THE CHILDREN OF NEW AMSTERDAM ATTEND SCHOOL?



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9. WHO WAS PETER STUYVESANT, AND WHAT HAPPENED TO NEW NETHERLAND UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP?



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