

ORAL QUIZ ON NEW NETHERLAND AND NEW FRANCE

The points and level of detail given below are those that an upper-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. Who was Peter Stuyvesant?
Peter Stuyvesant was the Dutch governor (director-general) of the New Netherland colony.
2. By what “nickname” was he also known and why?
He was also known as “Old Silvernails,” referring to a stick of wood decorated with silver nails that replaced a leg he had lost in a battle in the West Indies. This nickname also seems to describe his demeanor as tough, unflinching, and domineering.
3. The Dutch built a settlement called New Amsterdam. Where was it located?
New Amsterdam was located in the Hudson River Valley, on what is today the island of Manhattan in New York City.
4. Describe the town of New Amsterdam during the early 1600’s.
Since it was located along the Hudson River, it was a busy trading center and harbor that welcomed ships filled with people from many, faraway places.
5. What happened to the New Netherland colony under Peter Stuyvesant’s leadership?
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.
6. Who was Samuel de Champlain?
Samuel de Champlain was a courageous and determined French explorer who searched for new trade routes and fur-trading settlements. He was also a gifted cartographer; he mapped the East Coast harbors of Maine, Boston, Plymouth, and Cape Cod.
7. Name one body of water Champlain discovered.
Though there may be more discoveries, resources indicate Champlain traveled up the St. Lawrence River and discovered Lake Ontario and Niagara Falls. He also discovered a natural harbor known today as the Annapolis Basin. While navigating the Richelieu River, he sailed along a lake which he named Lake Champlain.
8. What was the name of the settlement he established in 1608 along the St. Lawrence River?
Champlain named this settlement, Habitation, which was located in present-day Quebec City.
9. Why is Samuel de Champlain considered the “Father of New France”?
Champlain was the founder of New France in present-day Canada. He established several French trading settlements in such areas which are now Quebec and Montreal. He also discovered various bodies of water such as Niagara Falls and Lake Ontario. His twenty-seven years of tireless work established the presence of the French culture and language in North America.

1. WHO WAS PETER STUYVESANT?

FAILING / POOR / FAIR / GOOD / EXCELLENT

COMMENTS: _____

2. BY WHAT "NICKNAME" WAS HE ALSO KNOWN AND WHY?

FAILING / POOR / FAIR / GOOD / EXCELLENT

COMMENTS: _____

3. THE DUTCH BUILT A SETTLEMENT CALLED NEW AMSTERDAM. WHERE WAS IT LOCATED?

FAILING / POOR / FAIR / GOOD / EXCELLENT

COMMENTS: _____

4. DESCRIBE THE TOWN OF NEW AMSTERDAM DURING THE EARLY 1600's.

FAILING *POOR* *FAIR* *GOOD* *EXCELLENT*

COMMENTS: _____

5. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE NEW NETHERLAND COLONY UNDER PETER STUYVESANT'S LEADERSHIP?

FAILING *POOR* *FAIR* *GOOD* *EXCELLENT*

COMMENTS: _____

6. WHO WAS SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN?

FAILING *POOR* *FAIR* *GOOD* *EXCELLENT*

COMMENTS: _____

7. NAME ONE BODY OF WATER CHAMPLAIN DISCOVERED.

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8. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE SETTLEMENT HE ESTABLISHED IN 1608 ALONG THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER?

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9. WHY IS SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN CONSIDERED THE "FATHER OF NEW FRANCE"?

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