

ORAL QUIZ ON WILLIAM PENN

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.

William Penn and the Founding of the Pennsylvania Colony

1. By what other name are Quakers commonly known?
Quakers are also known as “Friends” or the “Society of Friends.”
2. Name one Quaker belief you learned about from your readings.
Any one of the following beliefs is acceptable. Note: Your student may have learned other beliefs in addition to those provided here.
 - *Quakers would not “bow” down to anyone, whether a king or a noble, believing that everyone (ie. Indians, slaves) are equal.*
 - *Quakers refused to pay taxes to support the Church of England.*
 - *Quakers believed that wars are wrong and refused to fight, as it would be an objection to their conscience (“conscientious objectors”) and the Word of God, which says, “Thou shalt not kill.”*
 - *Quakers would swear their allegiance ONLY to God.*
3. Name a reason why Quakers were imprisoned in England during the late 1600’s.
Any one of the following reasons is acceptable:
 - *The Quakers believed it was wrong to fight in any war, so they refused to become soldiers, although King Charles II wanted more soldiers to fight in the Dutch Wars.*
 - *The Quakers were unwilling to belong to the Church of England and would not pay taxes to support it.*
 - *The Quakers gave their allegiance to God alone, yet the people of England were expected to swear loyalty to the king of England.*
 - *Quakers believed in the equality of all men, whether an upper-class noble or a poor peasant or slave. This idea was seen by some as a threat to the established way of thinking and acting in England.*
4. Who was William Penn, and what request did he make of King Charles II?
William Penn was a Quaker leader who desired a place for his fellow Quakers to practice their ideas and faith in peace. Having favor with the king, he asked Charles II for land in America, and the king granted his request.
5. When did William and his fellow Quakers leave England for America, and on what ship did they sail?
In 1681, William and one hundred Quakers traveled across the Atlantic Ocean to America on the ship, Welcome. [NOTE: Some resources may say 1682.]
6. Describe the sea voyage and how long it took to reach America.
The sea voyage was troubled with much adversity, particularly with a sickness called small pox, which killed thirty of the travelers. After two months of a difficult voyage, the Welcome landed on the banks of the Delaware River.
7. What was the name given to the new colony that William established, and what does it mean?
The new colony named after William Penn was known as Pennsylvania, which means “Penn’s woods.” It was given this name because of the abundance of dense woods found in the area.
8. What significant agreement did William achieve with the neighboring Delaware Indians?
With courage and kindness, William, along with his fellow Quakers, met the Indians and affirmed their mutual equality. He then presented to them a treaty that promised peaceful relations with them. [Note: This was the only treaty between settlers and Indians that was NEVER broken.]

9. To commemorate the meeting with the Indians, what name did William give to the place where they met and what does it mean?

William called the place Philadelphia, which means, "city of brotherly love."

10. After studying William Penn, what character qualities did he display that you admire?

Answers will vary. After listening to your student's thoughts, you may want to share the following highlights of William Penn's life:

William Penn was a determined, hard-working, devout Quaker, who desired that all men should worship freely. With this ambition, he tirelessly worked and established the Pennsylvania Colony. He formulated the Frame of Government, which ensured self-government and rights such as the freedom of worship. He showed kindness and respect for his Indian neighbors, making a treaty with them that was never broken. He faced much adversity in his life, but he persevered and left a lasting mark on America's history.

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