

Days That Changed

Compare daily life in Colonial America over time.

SS.2.A.2.4 "Explore ways the daily life of people living in Colonial America changed over time."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details about early daily life. Circle details that show a later change in how people lived.

Life Changes Over Time

- ① In early colonial settlements, many families lived on farms. They grew food, fetched water, and made clothing at home. Children helped plant corn, feed animals, spin wool, and do chores. Most work happened near home. News often came from nearby people.
- ② Later, as towns grew, craftsmen made goods for other people. A blacksmith shaped metal tools, and a shoemaker made shoes. Families could visit shops to buy cloth, tools, and other goods, instead of making every item themselves.
- ③ Over time, roads and boats carried goods and letters between more places. News could travel farther. Some children still worked at home or on farms, but others went to school when they could. Daily life changed slowly. It was not the same for every family.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What is one thing families did at home early in the passage, and what later choice did shops give them?

2 How did growing towns change the way families got some goods?

3 How does the passage show that daily life did not change in the same way for every family?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Draw two panels to show how news could reach a colonial family early and later. In the left panel, show news coming from nearby people. In the right panel, show news traveling farther. Write one sentence below the panels that explains the change.

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PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details about early daily life. Circle details that show a later change in how people lived. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is one thing families did at home early in the passage, and what later choice did shops give them?	Early families made clothing at home. Later, families could buy cloth, tools, and other goods at shops.
2	How did growing towns change the way families got some goods?	Craftsmen made goods, and families could buy some items at shops instead of making every item themselves.
3	How does the passage show that daily life did not change in the same way for every family?	Some children still worked at home or on farms, while other children went to school when they could.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Left panel: A neighbor tells a family some news. Right panel: A family receives a letter carried by boat.
Sentence: Later, news could travel farther by road or boat.

Accept any accurate early home task and later shop purchase for Questions 1 and 2. For Question 3, students should explain that some children continued working while others could attend school; accept accurate news comparisons in the two-panel response.