Three Colonial Places

Read for location, purpose, and life in early settlements

5.H.4 "Locate the early Spanish, French, and British settlements on a map, and compare the origins, physical structure, and social structure of these settlements."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline location clues, circle details about buildings or defenses, and put a star beside clues about why each settlement began or how people lived and worked there.

Three Settlements on the Atlantic Side

1. In 1565, Spanish settlers founded St. Augustine on Florida's Atlantic coast, south of present-day Virginia. Spain wanted to guard its sea routes and spread Catholicism. Soldiers, priests, and families lived near a wooden fort. A stone fort was built much later. Spanish officials and soldiers held power. The Timucua people already lived in the region, and Spanish settlement changed their lives.

2. In 1608, French settlers founded Quebec beside the St. Lawrence River in what is now Canada, northeast of Virginia. Its site linked the Atlantic Ocean to inland waterways. Samuel de Champlain helped start the settlement as a base for the fur trade. Early buildings were wooden, and the site had defenses. French traders depended on trade and alliances with Indigenous peoples, including the Innu and Wendat.

3. In 1607, English settlers from Britain founded Jamestown on an island in Virginia's James River, which flows into the Atlantic. It lay north of Florida and south of Quebec. A company in England hoped to earn money from the colony. Settlers built a three-sided wooden fort. Company leaders directed workers, while the nearby Powhatan peoples had their own communities and leaders. Life inside the fort was difficult.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Where would you place Jamestown and St. Augustine on a map? Which settlement is farther north?

2. Where is Quebec compared with Jamestown? How did the reasons for starting the two settlements differ?

3. Compare an early building or defense at St. Augustine with one at Jamestown.

4. How did people's roles or relationships at Quebec differ from those at Jamestown?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Draw a simple map in the box. Add an Atlantic coast, the St. Lawrence River, and the James River, then label all three settlements in the correct north-to-south order. Write two sentences comparing why Quebec and Jamestown began and how people worked there.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline location clues, circle details about buildings or defenses, and put a star beside clues about why each settlement began or how people lived and worked there. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Where would you place Jamestown and St. Augustine on a map? Which settlement is farther north?	**Place Jamestown on the James River in Virginia and St. Augustine on Florida's Atlantic coast. Jamestown is farther north.**
2	Where is Quebec compared with Jamestown? How did the reasons for starting the two settlements differ?	**Quebec is northeast of Jamestown, beside the St. Lawrence River in Canada. It began as a French fur-trade base, while Jamestown began as an English company's colony meant to earn money.**
3	Compare an early building or defense at St. Augustine with one at Jamestown.	**St. Augustine had a wooden fort, while Jamestown had a three-sided wooden fort.**
4	How did people's roles or relationships at Quebec differ from those at Jamestown?	**At Quebec, French traders relied on trade and alliances with Indigenous peoples. At Jamestown, company leaders directed workers.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Map labels, from north to south: Quebec beside the St. Lawrence River in Canada; Jamestown beside the James River in Virginia; St. Augustine on Florida's Atlantic coast. Quebec began as a French fur-trade base, and traders worked with Indigenous partners. Jamestown began as an English company's colony to earn money, and company leaders directed workers.

Accept simple maps that place Quebec north of Jamestown and St. Augustine south of both, with each settlement beside the named waterway or coast. For the written comparison, look for both a founding reason and a work relationship for each settlement.