

Choosing a Home

How land and resources shaped early settlement locations

4.2a "Geographic factors often influenced locations of early settlements. People made use of the resources and the lands around them to meet their basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline geographic features. Circle resources people used for food, clothing, shelter, or drinking water. Write the need beside each circled resource.

Land, Water, and Daily Needs

- ① Long before New York State existed, Haudenosaunee communities chose village areas near rivers, streams, and rich soil. Fresh water could be used for drinking and cooking. Nearby streams and lakes held fish, and riverbanks could provide good places to grow corn, beans, and squash. These foods helped feed many people. Waterways also made travel by canoe easier.
- ② Forests near a village offered other useful resources. People hunted deer for food. Deer hides could be made into clothing, and deer bones could be shaped into tools. Trees provided wood for longhouses, the large homes used by related Haudenosaunee families. Forests also gave people nuts and berries to eat, adding food to their supplies during the year.
- ③ Some Algonquian-speaking communities in the region lived near rivers, lakes, or the Atlantic coast. These places gave people fish and shellfish for food. They used bark, reeds, and wood from nearby plants and trees to build shelters. A settlement location was useful when land and water offered several resources close by, so people could meet daily needs.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Name two geographic features in the first paragraph that helped provide food.

2 Which forest resource helped provide both food and clothing? Tell how it was used for each need.

3 How did rich soil help people meet a basic need?

4 Why was a settlement near both water and a forest useful? Use two details from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Invent a settlement location in the region. Write exactly three sentences that name two geographic features, tell what resource each provides, and explain how the resources provide food, clothing, and shelter.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline geographic features. Circle resources people used for food, clothing, shelter, or drinking water. Write the need beside each circled resource. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two geographic features in the first paragraph that helped provide food.	Any two: streams or lakes for fish; rich soil or riverbanks for growing crops.
2	Which forest resource helped provide both food and clothing? Tell how it was used for each need.	Deer. People hunted deer for food, and they made clothing from deer hides.
3	How did rich soil help people meet a basic need?	Rich soil gave people places to grow corn, beans, and squash for food.
4	Why was a settlement near both water and a forest useful? Use two details from the passage.	Streams or lakes provided fish; forests provided deer, nuts, berries, and wood for food, clothing, or shelter.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would build a village beside a lake and near a forest. The lake would provide fish for food, and the forest would provide deer hides for clothing. Wood from the forest would help people build shelters.

Accept any two named food-supporting features from the first paragraph for Question 1. For the open task, accept a logical location and accurate feature-resource links that address all three basic needs in exactly three sentences.