

Many Lives, One Colony

Read for evidence about the diverse people and lifestyles of colonial New York.

4.3b "Colonial New York became home to many different peoples, including European immigrants, and free and enslaved Africans. Colonists developed different lifestyles."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details that name groups of people living in colonial New York. Circle details that show how people's daily lives could be different.

A Colony of Many Peoples

- ① In the early 1600s, the Dutch built the colony of New Netherland along the Hudson River. Its busy town of New Amsterdam stood at the southern end of Manhattan Island. People arrived from the Netherlands and other parts of Europe. They brought languages, foods, skills, and customs. Dutch names, buildings, and place names remained after English rule began in the colony.
- ② In 1664, England took control and renamed the colony New York. Under both Dutch and English rule, people lived in different ways. Some families farmed the land. Others worked as merchants, craftspeople, sailors, or laborers in towns and at docks. A person's job, wealth, location, and freedom shaped daily life in important ways for many residents.
- ③ Africans were also part of colonial New York. Some were free and could own property or work for pay, though their rights were limited. Many Africans were enslaved. They were forced to work in homes, shops, on farms, and at the docks. Enslaved people did not control their work or their freedom. The colony's many peoples created a diverse society, but life was not equal.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What happened to the colony in 1664?

2 Name two jobs or kinds of work that people did in colonial New York.

3 How was life different for free Africans and enslaved Africans?

4 What are two ways Dutch influence remained after English rule began?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write exactly four sentences for a museum label about two fictional but possible residents of colonial New York: a European immigrant and an African person who is either free or enslaved. Tell about each person's work or daily life, then explain how their freedom or job made their lifestyles different.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details that name groups of people living in colonial New York. Circle details that show how people's daily lives could be different. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What happened to the colony in 1664?	England took control of the colony and renamed it New York.
2	Name two jobs or kinds of work that people did in colonial New York.	Answers may include farming, working as a merchant, craftsperson, sailor, laborer, or dock worker.
3	How was life different for free Africans and enslaved Africans?	Some free Africans could own property or work for pay, although their rights were limited. Enslaved Africans were forced to work and did not control their work or freedom.
4	What are two ways Dutch influence remained after English rule began?	Dutch names, buildings, and place names remained.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Pieter was a free settler from the Netherlands who worked as a craftsperson in New Amsterdam. Ama was an enslaved African forced to work at the docks. Pieter had more control over his work than Ama did. Their lives were different because Ama did not control her labor or freedom.

Accept historically possible comparisons that accurately show colonial New York's diverse population and different lifestyles. Students should distinguish between free and enslaved status without suggesting that all people from one group had the same life.