

TASK #5 – Founding a Colony

Standard: C.U.1.3 (SWBAT Analyze the successes and failures of the early American colonies)

Description: You are going on an adventure! Read the prompt below and the directions that follow. After you know what your adventure entails, you will explain your decisions in a well constructed written response. See the rubric for details on how you will be graded.

Prompt:

You are one of 120 passengers on the ship, “The Prince Charles.” You left England twelve weeks ago. You have experienced many hardships, a stormy passage, half rations, sickness, cold, damp weather above decks, and hot, foul air below decks. Ten of your fellow immigrants to the new world, including three children, have died and been buried at sea.

You are now anchored at an uncertain place, off the coast of the New World, which your captain believes to be somewhere north of the Virginia Grants. Seas are so rough and food so scarce, you have decided to settle here. A landing party has returned with a map. You, as one of the elders, must decide at once where the first settlement will be located.

The tradesmen want to settle along the river, which is deep, even though this seems to be the season of low water. Within ten months they expect deep-water ships from England with more colonists and merchants. Those who are farmers say they must have fertile, workable land. The officer in charge of the landing party reported seeing armed savages that fled when approached. He feels the settlement must be located so that it can be defended from the savages and from the sea.

Where will you settle? What supplies will you need to survive? How will you get everyone to co-operate and work together? How will you survive the elements?

Directions:

Map

- Select and clearly label a site for your colony on the attached map.

Written Response (Answer the following questions in paragraph format):

- Why did you choose this location?
- What are the positive and negatives of this location?
- What elements would you ideally need in order for your colony to be successful in this location (ie. population, professions, essential items, leadership, rules, labor, etc)?
- What problems do you foresee your colony having (weather, Native Americans, rebellion, etc)?

Criteria:

- ☒ Label site on map
- ☒ Description of location choice
- ☒ Explain the positives and negatives
- ☒ Analysis of elements needed for a successful society/colony
- ☒ Analysis of potential problems

Rubric: See next page.

Colonial Map & Written Response Rubric

Criteria	0-2	3-5	6-8
Map	Incomplete, no site located on map	X	Site clearly located on map
Description of location choice	Minimal description of location choice	Adequate description of location choice	Thorough description of location choice
Explanation of positive and negatives	Insufficient explanation of positive and negatives of location	Sufficient explanation of positive and negatives of location	Excellent explanation of positive and negatives of location
Analysis of colony elements	Minimal analysis of colonial society elements	Adequate analysis of colonial society elements	Thorough analysis of colonial society elements
Analysis of potential problems	Minimal analysis of potential problems	Adequate analysis of potential problems	Thorough analysis of potential problems