

Colonial House Viewing Guide

Episode 1

1. Typically, how many weeks did it take to cross the Atlantic in the 17th Century?
2. Typically, how well did English colonists know each other at the start of the voyage?
3. What was the literacy rate of New England in the 17th Century?
4. On average, how many of the 17th Century colonists were indentured servants?
5. Why do the women and children of the colony have to stay on the ship after arrival?
6. How are the homes allotted?
7. Name at least seven of the food items brought by the colonists.
8. What happened during “first contact?”

Episode 5

9. What are the problems with the colony’s food rations?
10. Contrast the workload of the colonists to their food rations.
11. What is the “easy slide” described by colonist Danny Tisdale? Speculate, why do you think he left? Why did he not say goodbye to most of the colonists?
12. Why did the appointment of a new governor cause so much anxiety in the colony (both before and after the appointment)?