

Basic Information

Henry Hudson was one of the first Europeans to start a colony in North America.

A loosely united group of governments working together is called a ~~truly~~ **Confederation**.

The Middle Atlantic Colonies are like the United States today because they welcome people of all religions, the largest cities were located along major waterways, and the colonies had a mix of people from different countries. The major difference is that farming is not the largest part of the United States economy as it was during the Middle Colonies.

The colonists decided to declare their independence from Britain because the colonists had no representation in the British government, new British laws made it difficult for the colonists to trade, and the British forced the colonists to pay heavy taxes.

The Declaration of Independence, a document approved on the 4th of July 1776 (our country's birthday) **DECLARES** our **INDEPENDENCE** from Britain. The document states that all people have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

New York City, the largest city in the eastern United States grew at the mouth of the Hudson River.

The Erie Canal connected the Great Lakes (at Buffalo) to the Atlantic Ocean (at New York City).

Steel is made by combining the following natural resources, iron, limestone, and coal (coke).

Many immigrants moved to the Middle Atlantic cities during the late 1800s and early 1900s in order to find factory jobs.

A port is a trading center where ships are loaded and unloaded. Is Erie a port?

Navigable is a word that means that the water is deep and wide enough for ships to use.

Competition is the contest between companies to get the most customers or sell the most products.

A metropolitan area is a large city together with its suburbs (neighborhoods right outside the city).

To commute is to travel back and forth each day.

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FACT AND OPINION

A fact is something that can be proven to be true. An opinion is a belief or someone's view about something.

Below are listed some statements. Find evidence in your book to decide whether each sentence is a fact or an opinion. Next to the sentence, write down if it is fact or opinion. Then next to your choice, write down the page number from the book that proves your answer. If you do this, you will get a clearer understanding of the difference between fact and opinion.

New Amsterdam was the capital of the Dutch colony in the Middle Atlantic region. _____

Religious Freedom was the most important reason people settled in the Middle Atlantic Colonies.

The Middle Atlantic Colonies were called the "breadbasket" colonies because they produced so much wheat. _____

The Middle Atlantic colonies were better than the New England Colonies. _____

The Erie Canal helped trade grow in the Middle Atlantic region. _____

The United States officially became an independent nation in 1783. _____

An interstate highway is the most beautiful route for road travel. _____

Steel was used to build railroad tracks, bridges, building, ships, and tools. _____

New York City is the most exciting city in the United States. _____

More people in the Middle Atlantic States live in cities than in rural areas. _____

Additional Skills to Practice

List four major forms of transportation that have helped the Middle Atlantic states grow and connect.

List 3 benefits (positive things) of city living.

List 3 problems of city living.

Be able to write a short paragraph (at least 3 sentences) that describes some of the actions that cities around the world have taken to solve urban problems. Have a good opening sentence, then a sentence that describes the actions, then a closing sentence. You may have more than 3 sentences. Look in your book for 3 things cities have done to solve problems and then write them down. Below write your opening sentence that explains what you're writing your paragraph about, then a sentence with the facts you found, and then a final sentence to finish up your answer. Give your answer to someone at home to read and correct. Then write a corrected answer below.