

## Worksheet

Answer the following questions as you read each section of *What Was New Netherland*.

### Introduction

1. Who arrived in North America first, the English Pilgrims or the Dutch of New Netherlands?
  
2. Approximately how many Indians lived in New Netherland in 1609, when the explorer Henry Hudson arrived?

### What was New Netherland?

3. Create a list of states that today make up the area where the colony of New Netherland once was.

### Who lived there?

4. List 11 of the different European ethnic groups in the colony of New Netherland.
  
5. Why do you think this diverse group of European immigrants settled in New Netherland rather than in the Massachusetts Bay colony?

### How did they get to New Netherland?

6. In four or five sentences, describe what it was like to sail from the Netherlands to New Netherland.

**Why did they leave Europe?**

7. What were some of the reasons why settlers left Europe to go to New Netherland?

8. What were some of the risks of going to New Netherland?

9. Would you have made this journey? Why or why not?

**What were their homes like?**

10. Draw a picture of a Dutch door.

11. List the ways your house is different from Dutch houses in New Netherland.

**What did they do?**

12. Why did the settlers want fur? With whom did they trade for furs?

13. What other types of work did the settlers do? List at least four common occupations.

**What did they own?**

14. How did Dutch settlers decorate their homes?

**What did they eat?**

15. What did Dutch settlers eat?

16. How was bread a status symbol in New Netherland?

17. Why do you think the government of New Netherland made laws regulating bread?

**What was childhood like?**

18. List 4 chores you do at home each week.

19. List 4 chores the children of New Netherland did each day.

20. Which list of chores would you rather do? Why?

**What did children learn at school?**

21. How was school in New Netherland similar to school today? How was it different? Do you think it was more similar or more different? Explain.

**What did children play?**

22. List all of the games you have played that were also played in New Netherland.

**What happened to New Netherland?**

23. How did life change for settlers after the English took possession of New Netherland?

24. Name four things we can thank the Dutch for in America today.