

## Lesson 3 – Life in the Colonies in 1750

### Worksheet

1. In 1750 the population of the New England colonies was about \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Half of the population was under the age of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The standard of living was generally better than \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The culture was highly \_\_\_\_\_. Divided by country of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The financial status of the population was divided into four groups
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ and rich
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ poor
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ poor
5. The religious influence varied by area;
  - a. New England colonies influenced by \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Central colonies by the \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Southern colonies by the \_\_\_\_\_ Church
6. In general the culture centered around the \_\_\_\_\_
7. The colonies were divided into three geographic groups
8. Families were typically \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ children
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ survived to adulthood
  - c. Only \_\_\_\_\_ % were above the age of 65.

9. Lighting was provided by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ oil.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ was the primary source for heat.
11. Drinking water was primarily from \_\_\_\_\_ barrels, \_\_\_\_\_ and hand dug \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Food was \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Because the water was not safe to drink, the colonist consumed \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. They consumed 4 \_\_\_\_\_ gallons of rum per year.
14. Primary transportation was horse and \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ were used where water was available.
15. Typical urban work included
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Printers
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ makers
  - g. T\_\_\_\_\_
  - h. S\_\_\_\_\_
  - i. W\_\_\_\_\_
  - j. G\_\_\_\_\_
  - k. B\_\_\_\_\_

1. Shoe \_\_\_\_\_
16. There were about \_\_\_\_\_ iron forges that produced \_\_\_\_\_ tons a year.
17. By 1775 there were \_\_\_\_\_ whaling vessels providing employment for about \_\_\_\_\_ workers.
18. Potash is used to make \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Typical annual income in 1750
  - a. Unskilled \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Highly skilled \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. A teacher in Virginia could earn \$ \_\_\_\_\_ plus \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
20. In 1750 a horse saddle sold for about \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and pound of butter for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and a prayer book for \_\_\_\_\_.
21. Entertainment was often associated with \_\_\_\_\_.
22. Formal entertainment in New England included \_\_\_\_\_ dancing, \_\_\_\_\_ Operas and \_\_\_\_\_.
23. \_\_\_\_\_'s role was critical to the survival on the home.
24. In most situations;
  - a. A women could \_\_\_\_\_ vote
  - b. Status was dependent on the position of her \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Could own property if they were \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Under English Law all property and money was under the control of the \_\_\_\_\_ -

- e. A widow was allowed \_\_\_\_\_ of the estate
- f. Under Dutch law a widow could receive \_\_\_\_\_ % of the estate
- g. Under Quaker rule a widow came under the authority of a  
\_\_\_\_\_ trustee

25. In most New England colonies, children were required to attend school until the age of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Towns of 100 were required to have a \_\_\_\_\_ school
- b. Two primary purposes for education were:
  - i. Be able to read the \_\_\_\_\_ and
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ laws.
- c. The \_\_\_\_\_ was the primary sources of instruction.
- d. The New England \_\_\_\_\_ was the second best-selling book in the American Colonies.
- e. Education was the primary responsibility of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

26. By 1750 there were \_\_\_\_\_ colleges in the colonies. All were started to provide \_\_\_\_\_.

27. Literacy level in 1750

- a. New England; men \_\_\_\_\_%, women \_\_\_\_\_%
- b. Middle colonies; men \_\_\_\_\_%, women \_\_\_\_\_%
- c. Southern colonies' men \_\_\_\_\_%, women \_\_\_\_\_%

28. The population grew by about \_\_\_\_\_% per year. In 1750 the population was estimated to be about \_\_\_\_\_ and grew to about \_\_\_\_\_ million by 1776.
29. Contributing to the population expansion were the following;
- a. High \_\_\_\_\_ rate
  - b. Low \_\_\_\_\_ rate
  - c. Ample \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Generally better living conditions that in \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ population reducing problems with expansion of disease
30. First recorded census was not until \_\_\_\_\_.
31. \_\_\_\_\_ % of slaves and indentured servants were in the \_\_\_\_\_ colonies.
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ was the key \_\_\_\_\_ center and the center of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ life. The three largest churches were the:
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
33. The two least accepted religious groups were the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.