

Study Guide

American the Story of US: Episode 1 - Rebels

Part 1 Directions: Before watching the episode, define the following terms. As you watch the episode, make a list of 8 - 10 additional vocabulary words that are unfamiliar to you.

1. Alluvial
2. Aristocratic
3. Coercion
4. Contraband
5. Fledgling
6. Infringements
7. Labyrinth
8. Pre-emptive
9. The Proclamation Line
10. Wampanoag

Part 2 Directions: As you watch the episode, answer the following questions. Be sure to use specific facts and details to completely support your answer.

1. What was the Powhatan Confederacy and how did this group interact with the British settlers?
2. What were the most difficult challenges faced by the Plymouth and Jamestown settlers? Do you think they could have done anything to prepare more adequately for life in the Americas?

3. What role did disease play in encounters between native groups and the first British settlers?

4. Who was Prince Estabrook and what was his contribution to American history?

5. In this episode, American is referred to as a “social experiment”. What do you think this phrase means? Do you think the “experiment” is still ongoing? Explain WHY you think the way you do. Use specific details to support your answer.