PRINCE WILLIAM
Parks, Recreation & Tourism

Primary Source Comprehension: Colonial Travel

Primary SOLs: K.2 a, K.6, 1.2 a-b. 1.5 a. 1.12 b. 2.1 a-b. 2.3 b. 2.5 a. 2.6 a-c.

Document Context: Built in 1747, Rippon Lodge was the private home of the Blackburn Family from until 1811. Richard Blackburn was from England and came to the American colonies to start a new life. He owned large amounts of land for agriculture, and built his house near Neabsco Creek. From here he could send items out to market or other people by boat or by land, using the King's Highway (a road which close to by Rippon Lodge). Richard Blackburn grew wheat, corn, and tobacco. He owned cows, horse, and a saw mill. His son, Thomas, became the owner of the home in 1757. In addition to running the plantation, Thomas was involved in government and served in the Revolutionary War.

Document Text: Roads in Colonial Virginia were not as good as they are today. Many were made of just were dirt which made traveling difficult when it rained and snowed. When the weather was nice, traveling from Rippon Lodge to Dumfries (about 6 miles) by foot would take a person 2 hours. By riding a horse, it would an hour and a half. If you had goods to take with you, a wagon pulled by an ox would be used. Traveling to Dumfries would take 3 or more hours this way. A carriage pulled by horses could make the trip in a little more than an hour. Another way to travel was by water-creeks, rivers and oceans. Often the colonists could travel by ship or barge more quickly and go farther distances, even across an ocean

Exercise:

1. John, and his father Richard, must head to Dumfries to sell some goods. They have ten crates of wheat, four crates of apples, and seven bundles of wood. How many items do they have to sell?

2. Along the way to Dumfries, they have to cross Powell's Creek. Unfortunately, it is very difficult, and they lose some of the items. A crate of apples and three bundles of wood fall off the back of the wagon. How many items did they lose?

3. Before they reach Dumfries, John and his father run into another farmer. He has five bundles of wool fabric, seven crates of apples, and three boxes of candles. The farmer needed wheat, but there wasn't any at the market. John's knows his Father needs two boxes of candles. They decided to trade items. If they give the farmer two crates of wheat, how much will they have left?

4. Ten crates of wheat is _____ seven bundles of wood. (Greater than > or less than <)?

Name: _____

Figuring out the statement. Using addition and subtraction, find out what the clue is on the bottom of the page.

What did the orange say to the corn cob?

5 + 4 =		O	3 + 9 =		A
7 – 4 =		Y	8 + 7 =		E
10 + 8 =		G	10 – 10 =		D
5 – 2 =		R	14 – 7 =		V
18 – 9 =		H	12 + 8 =		U
6 + 3 =		O	7 + 7 =		E
1 + 15 =		A	2 – 2 =		S
19 - 0 =		L	6 + 5 =		R
7 + 7 =		N	7 - 2 =		A
13 – 2 =		U	20 – 10 =		E
8 + 6 =		Y	4 + 21 =		G
9 – 8 =		A	12 – 6 =		O

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 9   11   16   14   25   10   3   9   11   18   19   5   0

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 14   6   20   9   1   7   13   15   12   3   0

Colonial Roads
- King's Highway
- Fall Line Road
- Upper Road
- Great Valley Road