



**Early - Colonial America: First Contact**

**This is an extract from one of the settlers diaries. (Document #1)**

1. What did the 'Dyscoverers' (explorers) take with them?

2. How many people went on the exploration?

**This is another extract from one of the settlers diaries. (Document #2)**

3. How welcome were the men made? [Think about how they were 'entertained']

4. What was done to show respect for Captain Newport?

5 . What did the native people give them? [3 things]

6. What did the Captain get?

7. How do you think these explorers felt about their treatment?

**This extract describes how the explorers were missing two bullet-bags and the contents. (Document #3)**

8. When the loss was reported, how quick and effective was the Native Americans response?

9. Why do you think the materials were taken by the Native Americans?

10. How is the situation resolved?

**From the evidence so far, how would you describe the relationship between the Europeans and the Natives? Make sure you explain your ideas - use the questions below to help:**

11. Have both groups shown themselves to be friendly? How?

12. Has respect been shown to each other? How?

13. How well have problems been resolved?

14. Are there any sign of nerves or worries?

**This extract explains the natives showing the settlers how they lived. (Document #4)**

15. What are the explorers shown how to do? [Think about what 'manner of setting' actually means]

16. If the Natives are willing to do this, what does this suggest about them?

**This extract describes how the natives appeared to the settlers. (Document #5)**

17. Write as much as you can about the following things:

- Clothing
- Footwear
- Hair / hairstyle
- Skin
- Differences between men and women

18. Using this information, why do you think some settlers felt uncomfortable with Native Americans?

19. Which of the following sentences best describes this early contact?

Write a paragraph to explain your choice.

- The Natives were warning them off - showing they didn't welcome 'strangers' bringing disease.
- The Natives were enormously friendly to the Europeans - helpful in every possible way.
- The Europeans were extremely scared but had nothing to worry about - they all got along fine!