

Focus Questions

These questions are designed to accompany the slide show listed below. They may serve as focus questions prior to viewing the show or as follow-up questions.

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The French, the Indians, and the English: Trouble in Colonial New Hampshire

1. What caused the Indian population to decrease so rapidly in the early 1600s?
2. What caused the English population to rise?
3. Where were NH's earliest English settlements located? Why?
4. The image of the "founding of Portsmouth" shows a land feature that wouldn't really be there. What is the feature and why do you think the artist included it?
5. In the image showing an Englishman and a Frenchman each giving gifts to a Native American, what might the gifts suggest about each nationality's view of their relationship with Indians?
6. What was a problem with the way Indians used their land — from the point of view of the English?
7. List one reason why the Indians in New Hampshire sided with the French.
8. Why might France feel it had a better claim than England to North America's interior, especially around the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys, for example?



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The End of Peace

From 1623, when settlers first resided permanently in New Hampshire, to the death of King Philip in 1676 ...

and the end of peaceful relations with Indians in northern New England ... just over 50 years had passed.



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