

The Secret Life Of A Developing Country

Please respond to the questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Contrast the Yankee farmer and the Southern planter. Use your own words. [Read “We looked different” pages 45 - 46]
2. Describe an American city. [Read “We Were Dirty and Smelly” page 50]
3. What is a privy? Chamber pot? How does one dispose of its contents? [Read “Privy Matters” pages 50 - 52]
4. How would you describe the personal hygiene of the average American? [Read “Letting the Bedbugs Bite” page 52]
5. Describe the tavern of early America. [Read “We Drank and Fought Whenever We Could” pages 54 - 56]
6. How prevalent was alcohol in America? [Read “We Drank and Fought Whenever We Could” pages 54 - 56]
7. Was early America a violent society? Explain. [Read “We Drank and Fought Whenever We Could” pages 54 - 56]
8. Describe the life of a slave. [Read “The Slave’s Lot” page 56]
9. If a person was caught stealing in early America, what could that person expect as a punishment? [Read “Public Punishment” pages 58 - 59]
10. Describe the scene surrounding a hanging. [Read “Public Punishment” pages 58 - 59]
11. Describe the emergence of a temperance movement. How did it change America? [Read “Rise of Respectability” pages 58 - 59]
12. Why did illegitimate (out-of-wedlock) birth rates decline in the 1830s? [Read “Reining in the Passions” pages 61 - 62]
13. Why was spitting so pervasive in the 1820s - 1830s? [Read “Smoking and Spitting” pages 62 - 64]
14. How did the signs of greeting change from the 1780s - 1830s? [Read “From Deference to Equality” pages 64 - 66]

15. Who was taller and shorter in America? What is the explanation for the difference in stature? [Read "Land of Abundance" page 66 - 67]
16. How has the dinner table routine changed through the early 1800s? [Read "Coming to the Table" page 67]
17. What are your thoughts on the people of early America? Were you surprised? (3+ paragraph)