

South Carolina: Our History, Our Home

Chapter 5: South Carolina's First Sixty Years ~ Internet Activity



The people of early South Carolina depended on sea travel. Many came from Europe and had family in their home countries. Manufactured goods and other supplies also came to the colony by sea. Rulers governed the colony from nearly 4,000 miles away. South Carolinians earned money by selling goods that were transported by sea to Europe.

In this lesson, you will learn about the ships that sailed the seas when South Carolina was a small, struggling colony.

Instructions: Visit and explore each link below. Then, use the information to complete the following items. *NOTE: The link "The Mary Rose" were designed for Internet Explorer and a Windows PC. If you are not using a Windows PC with Internet Explorer, much of this lesson may not work properly!*

[How to Recognize a 17th Century Ship](#)

[The Mayflower](#)

1. List at least three ways ships changed during the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries.

2. The Mayflower had 102 passengers plus the crew on its famous journey with the Pilgrims. What problems do you think might have occurred due to the large number of people in a small space for a 66-day journey?

Click [this link](#) to see visual of the 16th century English ship The Mary Rose. The ship sank during a sea battle. The ship's remains have been found and have helped us understand life about a sailing ship.

3. Spend a few minutes reading through the information. How many decks are below the main deck? _____

4. Name three types of things that were found below the main deck.

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Click [this link](#) to learn about life on board and to meet the crew. Use the information to answer the questions that follow.

5. How many people could be on the ship if it was wartime and soldiers were on board? _____

6. Check out the surgeon. What "jobs" did the surgeon have?

7. How many people could the cook feed from his galley? _____

8. What did the gunner use to give commands? _____

9. What were two of the jobs of the purser?

10. What has been found which shows how food was cooked?

11. Describe the ages of the individuals who died in the sinking of The Mary Rose based on the remains that have been found.

12. Explain why you think the lost sailors were so young?

