

***What did they first build?***  
**Using a historic map**

Find your town on the map. If your town hadn't been settled yet, pick the closest settled town. How far away is that?

Check off any of the following that appear on the map:

- Meeting Houses
- Forts
- Falls
- Ferries
- Bridges
- Grist Mills
- Saw Mills
- Fulling Mills
- Iron Works
- Mountains
- Swamps
- Dwelling Houses
- Grammar Schools

Where are the churches and other large public buildings located?

Where are the mills and factories located?

What can you see on this map that would help settlers in your town make their cloths?

What can you see on this map that would help settlers in your town build their homes?

What can you see on this map that would help settlers in your town bake their bread?

What conclusions might you draw if you were to use just this map to find out about life in your town just after the first settlers arrived?

