

Things to think about: Selections in Mancall

Hakluyt

What does he mean by “planting”?

What preoccupations does the table of contents (46-49) reveal?

Can you see any evidence of intentional ecological imperialism?

What use does Hakluyt propose for the indigenous resources of North America?

What kind of relations does he foresee between settlers and indigenous inhabitants?

What connection does he foresee between settlements, trade, and military policy?

What does he think the North American climate is like?

Analyze the list of things to be brought along (54-56).

Percy

What is Percy’s impression of the West Indies, their people, and their products?

Why did he encounter wild boars and bulls in the Caribbean?

What was his first impression of Virginia? How did he describe its natural resources?

How did he explicitly characterize its indigenous inhabitants (through direct description)? How did he implicitly characterize them (through description of their culture)?

What is the implication of the garden imagery that recurs throughout this selection?

Anonymous

How does this description of Virginia compare with Percy’s?

How would you summarize the argument of this selection?

Who is the intended audience?

Smith

How was the relation of the New England settlers to their new home similar to that of the Virginia settlers? How was it different?