DAILY Warm-Up 8

Name _____ Date _____

COLONIAL GARDENS

Do you like to garden? It's fun to watch plants and flowers grow. Family gardens were once necessary. In the early Colonial days, every family grew their own food.

Wealthy families grew large gardens. They needed many workers. Some had fancy gardens with paths down the middle. Some formed shapes of squares, diamonds, and circles. These Colonists paid gardeners to cut the shrubs and bushes. In warm weather, they invited friends over to sit in their gardens. The gardens were beautiful and peaceful.

Most families tended their own gardens. The gardens were used to grow food to feed the family. Apple and peach trees were grown for fruit. Cabbage, turnips, carrots, pumpkins, and beans were vegetables they grew.

Herbs were grown in the gardens to be used for medicine. Herbs could also be added to food to give it a better flavor.

Extra fruits and vegetables were grown in the summer. The extras were then saved and dried. They were stored for the winter months when fruits and vegetables were scarce.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. How did Colonists feed their families fruits and vegetables?
   a. They bought them at the market.
   b. They ordered their groceries online.
   c. They bought them from friends.
   d. They raised all their own fruits and vegetables.

2. Why did the Colonists grow extra fruits and vegetables in the summer?
   a. They had to save them for the winter months.
   b. They had to save them for a big party at the end of the summer.
   c. They liked to make pies with all the extra fruit.
   d. None of the above.

3. The author's purpose for this passage is . . .
   a. to provide information on Colonial gardens.
   b. to persuade the reader to eat vegetables.
   c. to entertain the reader with veggie jokes.
   d. none of the above.

4. How were the gardens of the wealthy different from those who were not wealthy?
   a. They weren't different. They were all the same.
   b. They were bigger, and they had other people help with gardening.
   c. Wealthy people's gardens were green. The other gardens were brown.
   d. All of the above.

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