

Comparison Charts

Student Name _____ Date _____

Step One. Read either the [William Penn Letter](#) or [Daniel Pastorius' "Positive Information from America"](#) both linked from EDSITEment-reviewed website [History Matters](#).

Step Two: Go through the above linked documents making annotations on the charts below in response to the following questions:

1. How is the land described? What are some of the general attitudes towards the land, and its natural resources that the authors offer? What is positive? What is negative?
2. What descriptions of Native Americans and European settlers are included in the document? Do they encourage settlement in the new colony?
3. What characteristics do you think Penn or Pastorius are looking for in settlers? Please include any social, religious, and ethnic characteristics that are explicitly stated in the document or implied (referred to indirectly, but not expressly stated) in the document?
4. Explain the reason(s) for the differences between these two documents.
5. What do these documents, taken together, teach us about the importance of determining an author's perspective when using primary sources?

CHART: Comparing Two Calls for Colonists to settle Pennsylvania

How is the Land Described? Do you get a general sense of the attitudes toward the land?
(Be sure to include a part of the sentence you are using as evidence for your notation, and a reference to where it is in the document).

William Penn	Description of the Land
	Reference:
Attitudes	
Reference:	
Daniel Pastorius	Description of the Land
	Reference:
Attitudes	
Reference:	

Looking over the descriptions you included in the first chart, fill in this new chart that combines the author's specific views of the land with his attitudes about that specific quality.

POSITIVE QUALITIES OF THE LAND	NEGATIVE QUALITIES OF THE LAND
Penn's Positives	Penn's Negatives
Pastorius' Positives	Pastorius' Negatives

