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MIDDLE ATLANTIC STUDY GUIDE

1. In 1817, New York built the Erie Canal which connects the Great Lakes to the Hudson River, is 363 miles long, built by hand, uses locks and took 8 years to build. What effect did the Erie Canal have on NYC? *The Erie Canal increased trade, agriculture and manufacturing in the region. New York City was at the end of the canal/river network and became the leading trading city in the United States.*
2. The 13 colonies wanted to separate from England, because they were paying taxes to England, but did not have what? *They did not have representation in the government back in England.*
3. What are 4 major forms of transportation in the Middle Atlantic states?
 - *canals, seaways, railroads,*
 - *highways, airplanes*
 - *and subways*
 - _____
4. Who was Henry Hudson? *Henry Hudson was looking for a sea route to the Pacific. Along the way, he claimed land for Holland ("Hudson River"). Part of that land became New Amsterdam (renamed New York City).*
5. Thomas Jefferson wrote most of what famous document and what did it say? _____
Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. It said that the Colonies wanted to separate from England and that we have rights.

6. Did all the colonists want to go to war with England? Explain your answer. _____

No, some colonists wanted to stay as part England. Others didn't take a side and remained neutral.

7. The settlers of Middle Atlantic states began as farmers. In time, more people moved to the cities and most people worked in manufacturing. As manufacturing did not need as many workers, most people went to work in the service industry.

8. What was life like for immigrants in the United States in the early 1900's? Life was hard.

The immigrants had little money and many had to live in rundown crowded apartments buildings called tenements. Adults and children often worked 14 hour days to make enough money just to pay their rent and buy food.

9. Between 1892 to 1954, more than 12 million immigrants from over 50 countries entered the United States by way of Ellis Island.

10. What are four problems that large cities must face?

- Crowding/Traffic
- Pollution
- Providing services (police, fireman)
- Crime

11. You should be able to name the states and capitals of the Middle Atlantic states.

- New York ← Harrisburg
- New Jersey ← Dover
- Delaware ← Albany
- Pennsylvania ← Trenton