POST-Visit: New Sweden Colony

Now that students have gained a basis of understanding the New Sweden Colony, allow them to become investigators. What makes up a colony? What are its characteristics and how can I classify them? Have them write a bio on the colony based on these categories and draw a picture that represents that attribute.

THE COLONY OF NEW SWEDEN

Economy:

Religion:

Government or rule:

Skills/Trade:

Date of Arrival upon New Land:

Unique Traits of Colony:

LETTERS HOME

Have students pretend that they are one of the Swedish Colonist and new to the Delaware Valley area. Ask them to write back to family and friends back in Sweden and tell of the observations and struggles with the new settlement. In your letter describe to loved ones what you feel, taste, smell and see. What do you do from day to day and who have you met?

SUGGESTED LITERATURE:

Before Penn: Swedish Colonists in the Land of the Lenape  by Zoriana E.b Sioklo (Available at ASHM)