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Reading Comprehension Worksheet: A Brief History of Education in America

Read the article *A Brief History of Education in America* from One-RoomEducation.com to answer the following questions.

1. What was the Late Colonial Period in America?

the time roughly between the 1730s and the official surrender of General Cornwallis at Yorktown.

2. Where was most of the education done in the Late Colonial Period?

At home, unless you came from a family of relatively good means.

3. What was job training like in the Late Colonial Period in America? (Make sure to include the 2 major types of job training)

You could either attend university or get an apprenticeship position. There were other types of job training, but those were the main 2. The universities were only for the academic fields like banking and law. Apprenticeships could take anywhere from 5 to 10+ years.

4. Who had access to education in the Late Colonial Period and why?

Only free men were allowed to attend school in the Late Colonial Period. The formal education of women wasn't seen as necessary. The education of slaves could be dangerous for their owners since it would give them a way to communicate and organize against the owners.

5. What were the 2 things required for the American Republic to function according to the Founding Fathers?.

1. Morals 2. Education

6. What were the main reasons for the expansion of education in early America?

After the Revolutionary War ended and the Constitution was complete, the Founding Fathers wanted to ensure that citizens of the new nation would be able to protect their own liberties and freedoms by educating them on what their rights were and the moral grounds on which those rights were founded.

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7. Who was eligible for education under the new American government?

Women and all free men.

8. What is Republican Motherhood and why is it important?

The idea that women needed to be educated because they were the primary caregivers and educators of the future voting population of the United States. In order for women to create moral and educated people, they themselves must be educated and virtuous.

9. When were the first schools for women founded?

The 1790s

10. What was the Lancaster, or Lancaster-Bell system of education and how did it work?

The Lancaster system was a merit-based system where the older students would teach the younger students skills they had already demonstrated mastery of. It was run by the schoolmaster and his monitors, older students who helped him with teaching the younger students.