

Who's Who in Colonial Society

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Understanding Colonial Social Hierarchy

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Answer the following questions based on the lesson about colonial society and daily life.

1. What were the main social groups in colonial America?
 - A. Gentry, Middle Class, Laborers, Indentured Servants, Enslaved People
 - B. Farmers, Teachers, Bankers, Craftspeople
 - C. Nobles, Merchants, Laborers, Servants

2. How were the lives of enslaved people different from those of the gentry?

3. The middle class included wealthy landowners and government leaders.

True False

4. God teaches us to treat all people with ____, regardless of their social status.

5. Which group worked to pay off their passage to America?

- A. Gentry
- B. Indentured Servants
- C. Laborers

6. What challenges might laborers have faced in colonial society?

7. The rich and the poor are seen as equal in God's eyes according to Proverbs 22:2.

True False

8. Who were the wealthy landowners and government leaders in colonial society?

- A. Laborers
- B. Gentry
- C. Middle Class

9. In colonial society, the ____ included merchants and skilled craftspeople.

10. How do you think people in different social groups felt about their lives?

Answer Key

1. Gentry, Middle Class, Laborers, Indentured Servants, Enslaved People 2. Enslaved people had no personal freedom and were treated as property, while gentry were wealthy landowners with power and influence. 3. False 4. respect 5. Indentured Servants 6. Laborers often had to work hard for low wages and might struggle to support their families. They had less job security than wealthier

groups. 7. True 8. Gentry 9. middle class 10. People in the gentry likely felt secure and powerful, while enslaved people might have felt hopeless and oppressed. Each group's feelings would depend on their social status and daily experiences.