

Focus Lesson 2

The Dutch Settle New York

How did the colony of New Netherland begin to grow?

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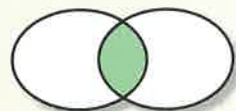
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VOCABULARY STRATEGY

Suffixes When the suffix **-or** is added to a verb, it describes what a person does. The verb *invest* means “use money to make a profit.” What do you think an **investor** does?

READING STRATEGY

Compare and Contrast
Use the chart below to compare and contrast life for Native Americans and Dutch colonists.



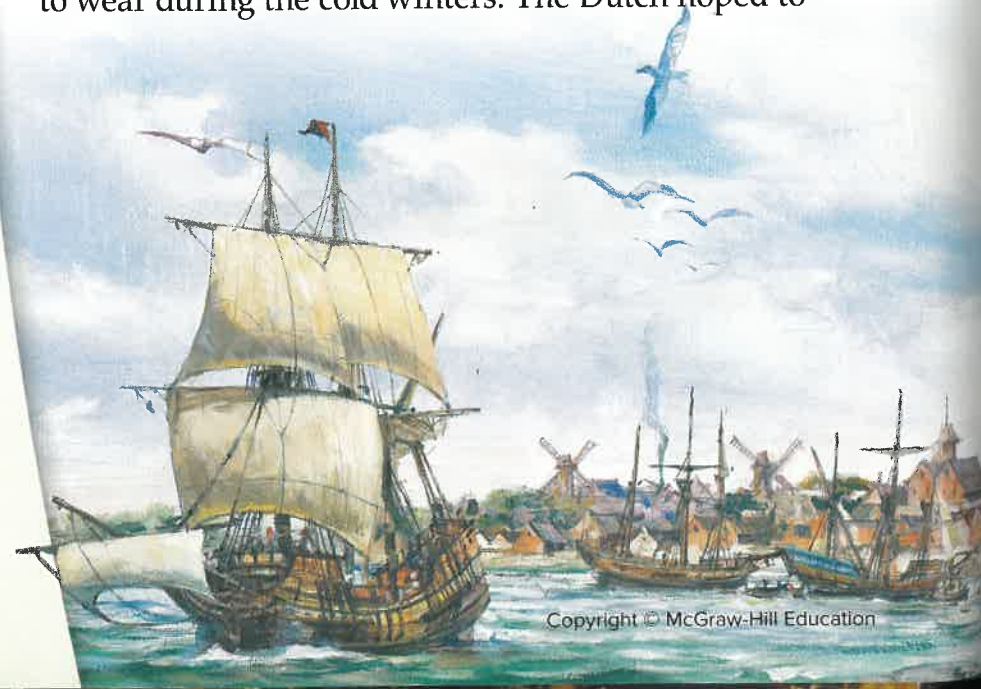
From its very earliest days, the Dutch colony attracted people from many countries and cultures. It must have been an exciting time for the early settlers as they moved into a strange new place.

In the 1640s, the settlement of New Amsterdam was a center of activity. Isaac Jogues, a Frenchman, described the young settlement:

“There were persons there of eighteen different languages; they are scattered here and there on the river, above and below as the beauty and convenience of the spot invited each to settle.”

A New Netherland

The Dutch came to North America to make money from animal furs. Many Europeans wanted fur coats to wear during the cold winters. The Dutch hoped to



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make money by buying furs from Native Americans and selling them in Europe.

In 1621 Dutch businessmen created the Dutch West India Company. The Dutch government gave the company the right to trade in North and South America. The company quickly made plans to set up a trading colony on the Hudson River in 1624.

The First Dutch Settlements

The Dutch called their colony New Netherland in honor of their home country. At first most colonists settled around Fort Orange, near present-day Albany.

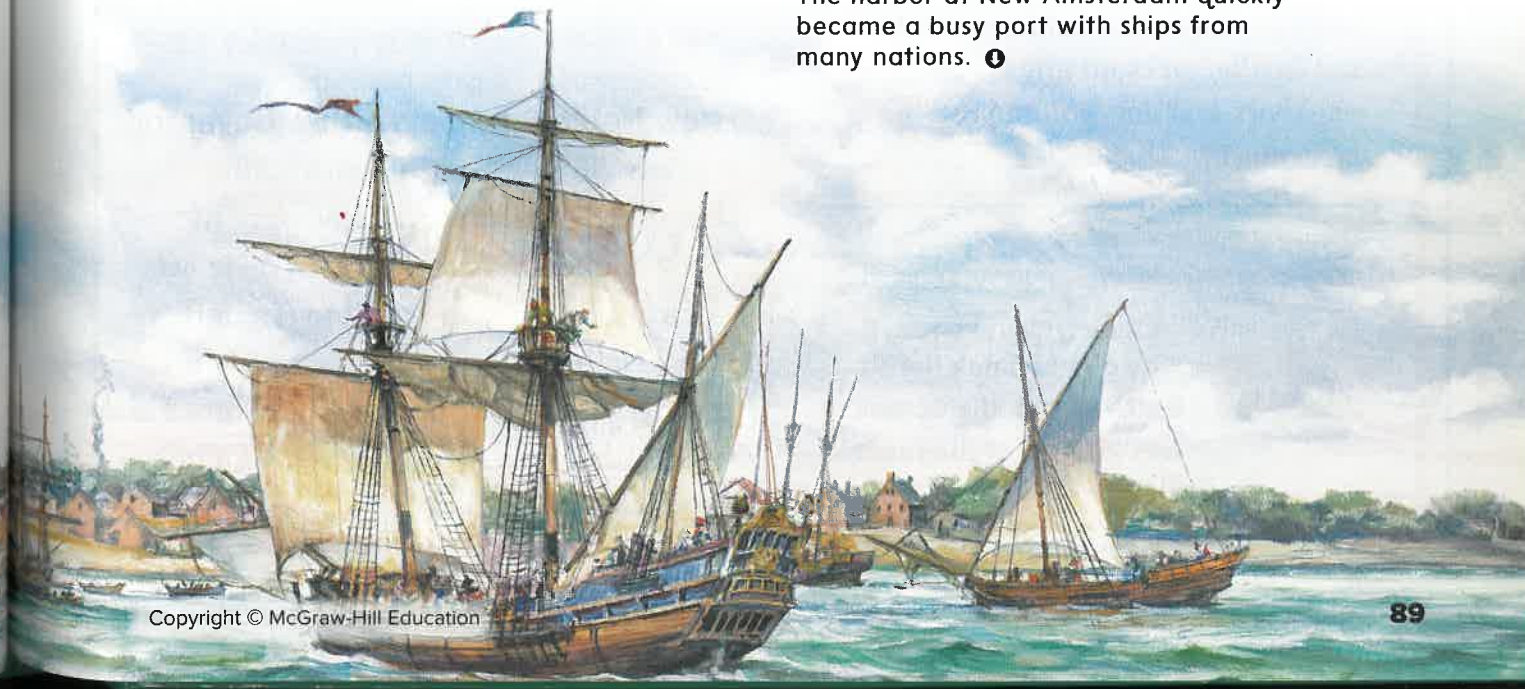
In 1626, Peter Minuit, the first Dutch governor, “bought” Manhattan Island

from the Native Americans living there. According to legend, he bought the land from the Lenni Lenape chief, Tammany. Minuit traded blankets and other valuable trade goods in exchange for the land.

The Native Americans believed that they were selling Minuit only the right to use the land. In their **culture**, people did not “own” land. A culture is a way of life a group of people share. As time passed, Europeans and Native Americans would continue to fight over New York’s land.

QUICK CHECK How did the Native Americans view trade differently from the Dutch? *Compare and Contrast*

The harbor at New Amsterdam quickly became a busy port with ships from many nations. ❶



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