

ORAL QUIZ ON ROGER WILLIAMS

The points and level of detail given below are those that an upper-grammar student might be expected to know from his reading, though he may not include every detail. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

Roger Williams and the Founding of Providence

1. Who was Roger Williams and in what country did he originally live?
Roger Williams was a Puritan minister who was originally from England. He had a wife and six children.
2. Why did Roger and many other Puritans leave their country for North America and where did they settle?
Along with his family, Roger and many Puritans traveled to North America from England hoping to find a place where they could freely worship God. They settled in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
3. What kinds of things did Roger say that upset the people of the colony?
Any one of the following would be correct: As a minister, Roger spoke out on many issues, particularly about political and religious freedom. He believed that the church and the government should be separate from one another. He asserted that people should be free to choose whatever religion they wanted to practice and not be forced to attend church or worship a particular way. Furthermore, he said that the Puritans should not take the land from the Native Americans, but instead should pay for it if the Indians were willing to sell it. These “dangerous new ideas” were not welcomed in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
4. How did the General Court of the colony punish Roger for expressing his views?
The court convicted him of being a traitor and banished him from the Massachusetts Bay Colony forever. As a result of this decision, Roger was to be sent back to England and imprisoned there.
5. To where did Roger Williams flee and who helped him?
Because he was in danger of arrest, Williams fled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony in the winter of 1635. The Naragansett Indians, friends from his days in Plymouth, helped Williams and allowed him and his family to stay in an Indian Village during the winter until spring.
6. What new settlement did Roger Williams establish that offered religious freedom to all who settled there?
The following year in 1636, Williams bought land from the Naragansett Indians and founded Providence. It became the capital of the colony of Rhode Island and allowed freedom of religion to all who settled there.

1. WHO WAS ROGER WILLIAMS AND IN WHAT COUNTRY DID HE ORIGINALLY LIVE?

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2. WHY DID ROGER AND OTHER PURITANS LEAVE THEIR COUNTRY AND WHERE DID THEY SETTLE?

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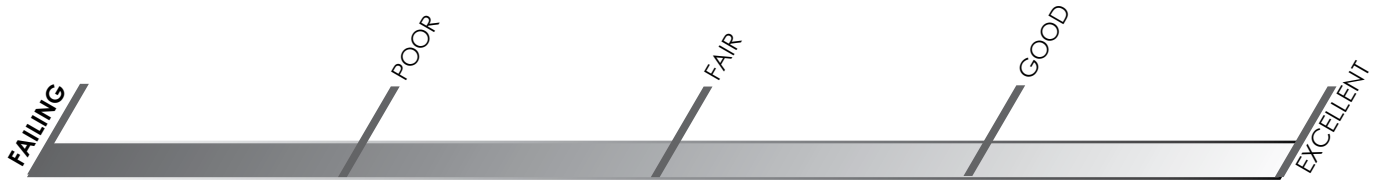
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3. WHAT KINDS OF THINGS DID ROGER SAY THAT UPSET THE PEOPLE OF THE COLONY?

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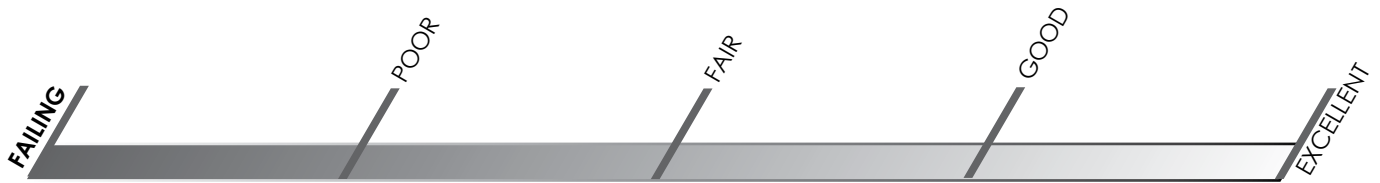
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4. HOW DID THE GENERAL COURT OF THE COLONY PUNISH ROGER FOR EXPRESSING HIS VIEWS?



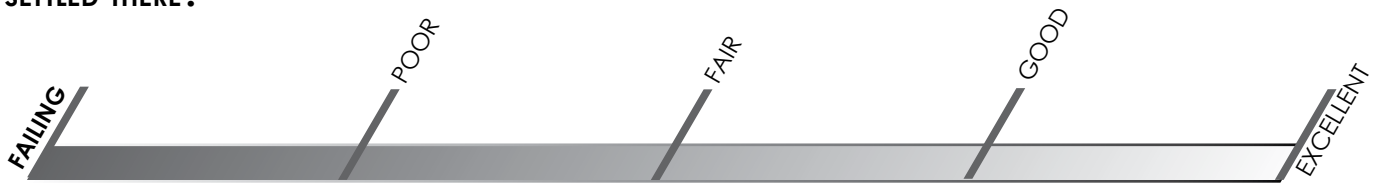
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5. TO WHERE DID ROGER WILLIAMS FLEE AND WHO HELPED HIM?



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6. WHAT SETTLEMENT DID ROGER WILLIAMS ESTABLISH THAT OFFERED RELIGIOUS FREEDOM TO ALL WHO SETTLED THERE?



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