

## ARTIFACT:

### *This Country Aboundeth Naturally*

*A Short and True Description of New England, book,  
Reverend Francis Higginson, 1629.*



This country aboundeth naturally with store of roots of great variety and good to eat. Our turnips, parsnips and carrots are here bigger and sweeter than is ordinarily found in England. Here are also store of pumpkins, cucumbers, and other things which I know not. . .

Excellent vines are here up and down in the woods. Our governor hath already planted a vineyard with great hope of increase. . .

For wood there is no better in the world I think, here being four sorts of oak differing both in the leaf, timber, and color, all excellent good. . .

For beasts there are some bears, and they say some lions also; for they have been seen at Cape Anne. Also here are several sorts of deer, some whereof bring three or four young ones at once, which is not ordinary in England. Also wolves, foxes, beavers, otters, martins, great wild cats, and a great beast called a molke (moose) as big as an ox. I have seen the skins of all these beasts since I came to this plantation excepting lions. . .

The temper of the air of New England is one special thing that commends this place. Experience doth manifest that there is hardly a more healthful place to be found in the world that agreeth better with our English bodies. Many that have been weak and sickly in old England, by coming hither have been thoroughly healed and grown healthful and strong. For here is an extraordinary clear and dry air that is of a most healing nature to all such as are of a cold, melancholy, phlegmatic, rheumatic temper of body. . .

The abundance of sea-fish is almost beyond believing, and sure I should scarce have believed it except I had seen it with mine own eyes. I saw great store of whales, and crampus, and such abundance of mackerels that it would astonish one to behold, likewise codfish abundant on the coast, and in their season are plentifully taken. . .

Thus we see both land and sea abound with store of blessings for the comfortable sustenance of man's life in New England.



*It is worth noting that Higginson wrote this profile before he experienced a New England winter. Also worth noting is that he died from a summer fever just a year after he wrote this paeon. Still, what does this tell us about Europeans' draw to North America? How can you Link Higgon's account to other artifacts?*

#### APUSH Framework Classifications

Period 2: 1607-1754

Key Concept 2.1.II.B

APUSH Theme: Geography & the Environment, Migration & Settlement

#### Source

The Winthrop Society.

[http://winthropsociety.com/doc\\_higgin.php](http://winthropsociety.com/doc_higgin.php)

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# SALLAN

## A primary source practice

SALLAN features the general process historians use to analyze a primary source. Each step includes various elements historians consider. An important note: Don't try to address all the elements below. Be selective. SALLAN works as a sort of menu: Depending on the artifact, some elements will be more relevant than others.

## Source

- **Historical Situation:** What's the context of this source?
  - **Point of View:** What's relevant about the creator's worldview?
  - **Purpose:** Why was this source produced?
  - **Audience:** To whom is the message directed?
- How do these elements impact the artifact's meaning?

## Argument

- **Main Message:** What's the argument the creator makes?
- **Supporting Details:** What specific parts are especially relevant to the Main Message?
- **Underground:** What's going on below the surface: POV, assumptions, tone?

## Links (to Content Knowledge)

- **Broad CK:** What broad CK you can link to this source?
- **Specific CK:** What specific CK you can link to this source?

## Links (to other Artifacts)

- **Corroboration:** How does another artifact corroborate the Main Message of this artifact?
- **Conflict:** How does another artifact conflict with the Main Message of this artifact?

## Analysis?

Explain the historical significance of this artifact by using:

- 1 element from Sourcing.
- 2 other elements of your choice.

## New Question?

- Anything new you're wondering?