

William Penn and Pennsylvania
Drive Thru History/American History

Vocabulary:

non-conformist, Quaker, separation of powers, checks and balances

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

Who were the Quakers?

Do Quakers still worship in America today? What is the name of their society of worshippers?

Can you name some famous historical figures who were Quakers?

Who was William Penn? What famous city did he establish in the New World? What state is named after him?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

Why did William Penn leave England for America? What did he hope to achieve in the New World?

Even today, how do William Penn's concepts of government affect us? Why did he compare good government to the running of a clock?

Why did George Washington choose Betsy Ross to make the flag? Is the story of Betsy Ross credible? Why or why not?

Further Activities:

Further investigate various kinds of architecture found in Pennsylvania today. What do these buildings show about American history?

Find out how many famous Americans had Quaker ancestors. Determine if Quaker principles have influenced their views on American government or the role of American citizens.