What are two or three interesting details you see in the image? What do they tell you about life on colonial farms?

What are two or three interesting pieces of information in the book’s table of contents? What do they tell you about life on colonial farms?

**Key Question:** Based on this information, how accurate do you think the head-line “Study Shows Farmers Spend Several Hours Playing Cards Each Day” is?
Life in Cities

*Philadelphia . . . [now has] three hundred and fifty-seven houses, diverse [many] of them large, well built, with good cellars, three stories, and some with balconies . . .*

*There inhabits most sorts of useful tradesmen as carpenters, joiners, bricklayers, masons, plasterers, plumbers, smiths, glaziers [glass cutters], tailors. Shoemakers, butchers, bakers, brewers, glovers, tanners, fellmongers [people who sell animal skins], wheelwrights, millwrights, shipwrights, boatwrights, ropemakers, sailmakers, blockmakers, turners, etc.*

*There are two markets every week and two fairs every year. In other places markets also, as at Chester and Newcastle.*

—Excerpts from the writings of William Penn, 1683, 1685

What are two or three interesting pieces of information in the excerpts? What do they tell you about life in colonial cities?

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**Key Question:** Based on this information, how accurate do you think the headline “Unemployment Rises in Cities—Colonists Return to Mother Country” is?
Rights of Colonists

And that for redress of all grievances, and for the amending, strengthening, and preserving of the laws, Parliaments ought to be held frequently.

That the pretended power of dispensing [doing away] with laws, or the execution of laws, by regal authority, without consent of Parliament, is illegal.

That election of members of Parliament ought to be free.

That the freedom of speech, and debates or proceedings in Parliament, ought not to be impeached, or questioned in any court or place out of Parliament.

—Excerpts from the English Bill of Rights, 1689

What are two or three interesting pieces of information in the excerpts? What do they tell you about the rights of colonists?

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**Key Question:** Based on this information, how accurate do you think the headline “Colonists Ignore Principles of Self-Government” is?
What are two or three interesting pieces of information in this newspaper excerpt? What do they tell you about colonial life for African Americans?

**Key Question:** Based on this information, how accurate do you think the headline “African Merchants Make Fortunes Trading Cloth for Rum” is?
Religion

And before ye sermon was done there was a great moaning and crying out throughout the whole house . . . “What shall I do to be saved?” . . . The cries were piercing and amazing so that the minister was obliged to desist . . . and after that we descended from the pulpit and discoursed with the people . . . We sang an hymn and prayed and dismissed the assembly.

—Excerpt from the diary of Reverend Stephen Williams, 1841

What are two or three interesting pieces of information in the excerpt? What do they tell you about religion in the colonies?

What are two or three interesting details you see in the image? What do they tell you about religion in the colonies?

**Key Question:** Based on this information, how accurate do you think the headline “Preachers Stir Colonists into a Frenzy” is?
What are two or three interesting details you see in the image? What do they tell you about education in the colonies?

What are two or three interesting pieces of information in the excerpt from the *New England Primer*? What do they tell you about education in the colonies?

**Key Question:** Based on this information, how accurate do you think the headline “Shocking Investigation: New England Schools Lack Spelling, Reading, and Arithmetic” is?
Colonial Families

*Excerpts from the diary of Mary Cooper, 1769*

**July the 1, 1769, Saturday.** A fine clear day. Very hot. I have been unwell all the week, dirty and tired all most to death.

**Tuesday.** Clear and very hot. O, I am very unwell, tiered almost to death cooking for so many peopel.

**July the 13, 1769, Thursday.** This day is forty years since I left my Father’s house and come here, and here have I seene liltel els but harde labour and sorrow, crosses [suffering] of every kind. I think in every repect the state of my affairs is more then forty times worse then when I came here first, except that I am nearer the desiered haven [desired heaven]. A fine clear cool day. I am un well.

What are two or three interesting pieces of information in the excerpts? What do they tell you about colonial families?

What are two or three interesting details you see in the image? What do they tell you about colonial families?

**Key Question:** Based on this information, how accurate do you think the headline “New Survey: American Wives Say They Work Harder Than Servants” is?
Leisure

Clear. my Girls had Some Neighbours to help [them] quilt a Bed quilt. [Fifteen] ladies, they began to quillt at [3] pm, finisht & took it out [in the evening]. there were 12 Gentlemen took Tea. they Danced a little while after Supper, behavd Exceeding Cleverly; were all returnd home before [the 11th hour].

—Excerpt from the diary of Martha Ballard, 1790

What are two or three interesting pieces of information in the excerpt? What do they tell you about leisure in the colonies?

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**Key Question:** Based on this information, how accurate do you think the headline “Colonists Use Honeybees to Get Work Done” is?