



MCNY Investigations: *Trade Gallery*

Name _____ Date _____

Find the answers to these questions on the second floor of the Museum in the exhibition called Trade. Explore the gallery and read the text on the wall to help you answer the questions below.

***Notice the beaver when you enter the gallery.
Take a look at the model ship on your left.***

1. Who was the English explorer who sailed for the Dutch East India Company on the ship called *The Half Moon*? What year did he sail to Manhattan?

2. Beaver fur was a valuable trade item. Touch the pelt beneath the beaver. Why do you think this object was valuable? What was it used for?

3. Find the large 3-D map of lower Manhattan, called the *Castello Plan*. This map shows New Amsterdam, the Dutch settlement, in 1660. What do you see at the southwest corner of the colony that could protect the city from enemies?

4. What street in New York today is named after a structure that fortified the city and helped defend the northern border of New Amsterdam from attack?

5. Look at the canal. Why do you think the settlers in New Amsterdam built a waterway leading to the center of their city?

6. Why do you think lower Manhattan was developed for trade and shipping? What surrounds the island?

Walk further into the gallery, past the diorama of South Street, 1855, and up the ramp into the next room. Look at the case containing model sailing vessels on your immediate left.

7. Which ship do you think is the fastest? (Hint: Look for the one with the most sails!)

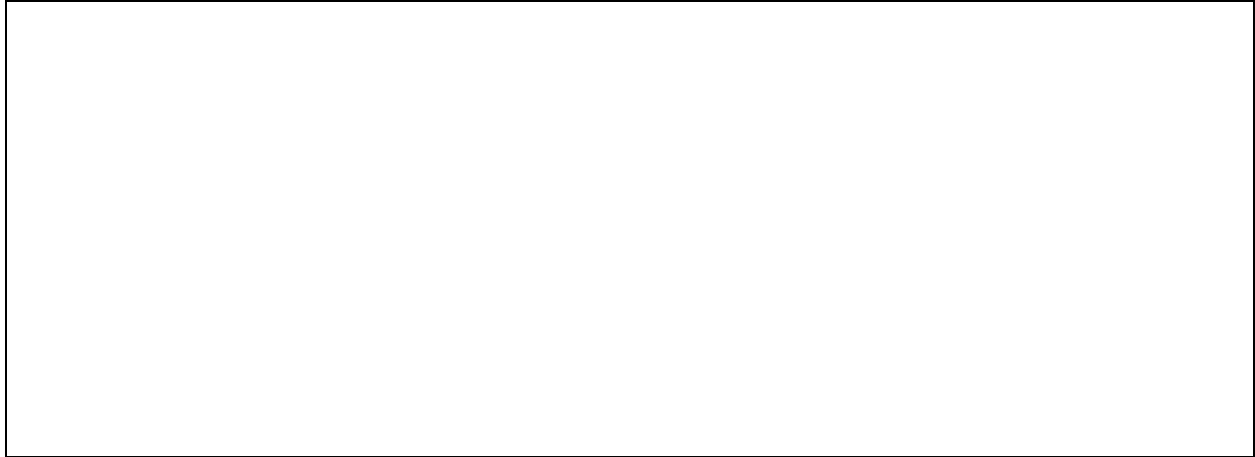
8. Choose one ship to draw in the space below.



***Just past the model ships, on the wall, are colorful, rectangular paper cards.
Take a closer look.***

9. These “clipper cards” were the first printed color advertisements and were handed out on docks to merchants or passengers looking for a fast ship to carry them, or goods, to another port. Notice the catchy names of the ships and the pictures on the cards.

Imagine you owned a ship that carried goods and people. Draw your own clipper ship card below to advertise your ship. Be sure to include information about your ship’s sailing route and the cargo it will carry.



Find the painting of the Mary Powell on the wall and read the label.

10. How is a paddle boat different from a clipper ship?

***On your way out of the Trade gallery, right next to the beaver you saw earlier,
notice the large statue of Robert Fulton, inventor of the steam engine.***

11. How do you think the invention of the steam engine changed the future of shipping?
