

PASSAGE

LESSON 10

NAME _____

Use the passages from Passport to the Garden State below to understand Roebling/Burlington's impact and answer the questions that follow. Be sure to underline supporting details.

Well, in 1904, the Roebling Company built a steel mill on land between Trenton and Burlington. Charles Roebling, one of the Roebling Brothers, designed one of the country's first company towns when he created the Roebling Village. There were 750 brick homes for the workers, a general store, and a public school. They produced many products, including wire rope for San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. "This town was very important in our country's history," my grandfather explained. "The workers at this plant made the wire rope for some famous bridges like the George Washington, the Golden Gate, the Manhattan and the Williamsburg."

1. Explain why the Village of Roebling is important. Underline supporting detail.

2. Name one useful item that was created in Roebling. Explain how this item changed our world. Underline supporting detail.

"The city of Burlington was the first recorded European settlement in New Jersey and has had some amazing residents and visitors including Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Captain James Lawrence, and Elias Boudinot." "You must have gone on the same website we did," guessed T-Bone. "It said that Abraham Lincoln may have arm-wrestled Ulysses S. Grant at a tavern here." "Actually, it's said to have occurred right down the street at the former Blue Anchor Inn, now the Visitor's Center," Jim added as he pointed to a building at the intersection of Broad and High.

3. The Visitor's Center was previously a tavern. Name the tavern and explain the significant event that may have happened there. Underline supporting detail.

As we walked down High Street, he took us past the Burlington County Historical Society, the home of author James Fennimore Cooper, and Captain James Lawrence’s house. He told us, Captain Lawrence, as commander of the S.S. Chesapeake and mortally wounded, shouted to his men, “Don’t give up the ship.” Those famous words became the motto of the city and the Unites States Navy.

1. Explain how the Navy obtained their motto and the history of it. Underline supporting detail.

“Benjamin Franklin was a visitor to Burlington on his way to Philadelphia. In fact, I can show you the Gingerbread House and tell you a story.” “Hold on,” T-Bone interrupted, “you have a house made out of gingerbread?” The mayor said, “No, the Revell House at 213 Wood Street is known as the Gingerbread House. It is undoubtedly the oldest building in Burlington County, and one of the oldest residences in NJ. It was constructed in 1685. Tradition places this as the home where Benjamin Franklin was sold gingerbread and given supper by a friendly Burlington City woman on his way to Philadelphia.”

2. Explain the history of the Gingerbread House. Underline supporting detail.

