



Children's Lives at Colonial London Town: The Stories of Three Families

Graphing Goods Imported to London Town

Did you know that the American colonists relied on imported goods? Many newspaper advertisements in the colonial period were for items that were made or grown in England, Europe and elsewhere. Through advertisements that appeared in the *Maryland Gazette* newspaper, you will be introduced to some of the things that were imported into London Town during the years 1747-1770. You will also learn how the goods available for sale were dependent on the weather and seasons.

Participants will cut out copies of the primary source (original to the time) advertisements, place them in a container, and then sort, organize, and graph them according to criterion, such as season (month) the amount (quantity), and type (like “fresh produce”), listed in ad (eg. 0-1; 2-3; 4-5; 6 and more).

Materials:

- 1 small paper bag or container to hold the advertisements
- 1 spinner (attached)
- 1 paper clip
- 1 die
- 1 game board sorter (attached)
- paper (or index cards) and pencil to create labels for the graph (or glue/tape ads on large construction paper)
- Maryland Gazette* newspaper advertisements - cut out and placed in bag/container

The activity may be completed independently or in a small group.

How to Play:

1. When a participant spins the word “import,” select an ad from the bag/container. If a participant spins the word “export,” do not pull an ad from the bag/container.

As each participant pulls an advertisement from the bag, arrange the information from the ad into the form of a chart or table. As you start to group/order the table, think about the title for your graph and the subtitles for each axis. Use paper or index cards to label the parts of the graph.

2. Discuss the following questions and develop your own as you evaluate the data your graph reveals:

What types of goods were imported to Colonial America?

Who were the intended buyers of the imported goods?

How did the time of year or season influence the type and amount of goods imported?

Why were many goods, especially fresh produce, not imported or exported?

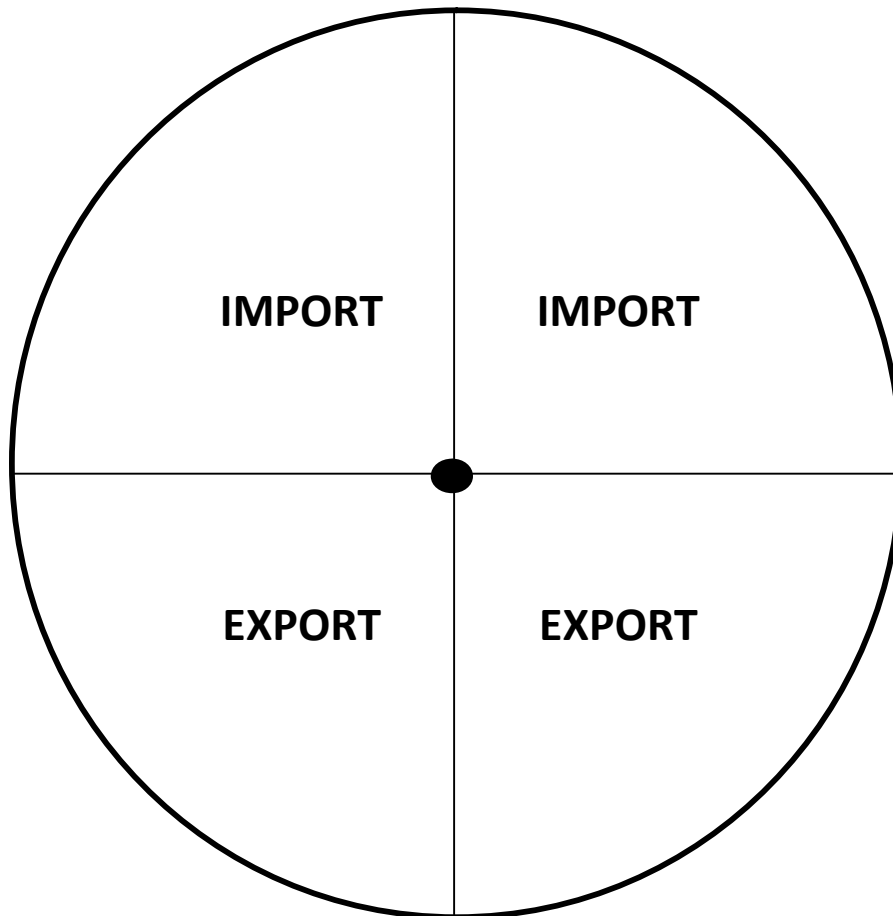
What types of goods were sold throughout the year? What does this tell you about these items?



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Spinner

Cut out and insert a paperclip through the center to serve as the spinner. Spin "import" and select an ad from the bag; spin "export" and wait for the next turn.





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Advertisements for imports in London Town from the *Maryland Gazette* Newspaper

JUST IMPORTED by the Subscriber, and to be Sold
at his Store, either at Annapolis, or London-Town, very
Cheap, by Wholesale, or Retail,
BEST Brown and Irish Osnabrigs, a good Assortment of
Irish Linnens, all kinds of Nails, a large Parcel of other
Iron-Ware, German Steel, Sloops Anchors, and small Grap-
nells, Welsh Cotton, and sundry other European and India
Goods. **JAMES DICK.**

Maryland Gazette, 17 March 1747

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

JUST Imported by the Subscriber, variety of coarse and
fine *Irish* Linnens, Osnabrigs, Checks, *Manchester* Wares and
shreass, Broad Cloths, Kerseys, Half Thicks, Fiizes, Bays,
Striped Flane's, and *Welsh* Cottons, Nails and Iron Ware of all
sorts, &c. Also a quantity of fine Salt. All to be Sold at
reasonable Rates in Wholesale or Retail.

ALL Persons Indebted to the Subscriber on open Accounts
are desired to call and pay their Ballances, or give Notes
for the same, on or before the first Day of *January* next, to
save further Trouble to

JAMES DICK.

Maryland Gazette, 14 October 1747



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T O B E S O L D by the Subscriber, on board his Ship the
Marshall, lying at London Town,
C H O I C E O L I V E S in Cases, fine Florence Oyl,
fine Devonshire Kersey, Table Linen, Osnabrigs, Earthen
Wares, and sundry other sorts of Goods, at reasonable Rates,
for Paper Money or Sterling.
JOHN FEARON.

Maryland Gazette, 14 October 1747

J U S T I M P O R T E D,
And to be Sold by the Subscriber, either at Annapolis or London-
Town, very cheap.
G O O D double and single refin'd Loaf Sugar, good Mus-
covado Sugar, and exceeding good Bohea Tea at Four-
teen Shillings per Pound; with Allowance to any who take a-
bove Twenty Pounds.
JAMES DICK.

Maryland Gazette, 19 October 1748

J U S T I M P O R T E D,
In the Nancy, Capt. Lloyd, from London, and to be sold by
the Subscriber, at Reasonable Rates, at his Store
in Annapolis,
B R I T I S H Sail Duck, from N^o. 1 to 7, Ship Chandlery
of all sorts, Anchors from 1 to 5 Hundred; fine Calli-
coes, Chints, Superfine Mullins, Humhums, white Callicoes,
Cambricks, Laces, Edgings, black Velvet, with a variety of
other European and East India Goods
JAMES DICK.
Where may be had, Cordage of all sizes, of the London Town
Manufacture, near as Cheap as can be Imported from London.

Maryland Gazette, 5 December 1750



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JUST IMPORTED,
*And to be SOLD by the Subscriber, at his Store
in ANNAPOLIS.*

BARBADOES Rum, Mus-
*covado Sugar, Videnia Wine, Lisbon Lemons,
Castile Soap in Boxes, Chocolate, English Seal
Leather, Cables and Cordage of all Sizes, An-
chors and Ship Chandlery, with Variety of Eu-
ropean and India Goods, by Wholesale and Retail,
for Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco, at the
lowest Prices.*

Stephen West, junr.

Maryland Gazette, 2 January 1752

JUST IMPORTED,
*In the Snow RUSSELL, Capt. WHITE, from LON-
DON, and to be Sold by the Subscriber, at his
Store in ANNAPOLIS,*

A LARGE Assortment of Eu-
*ropean and East India GOODS: Also,
Sail Duck, both English and Russia of all Sorts;
Anchors from half a hundred to six hundred Weight;
Cordage and Cables of all Sizes; Ship Chandlery,
&c. &c. &c. both by Wholesale and Retail, at
the very lowest Rates, for ready Money, Bills of
Exchange, Gold, Silver, or Tobacco.*

Stephen West.

Maryland Gazette, 23 April 1752



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JUST IMPORTED
In Capt. ASKEW, from LONDON,
A Compleat Set of Household and
Kitchen Furniture, of the very best Kinds:
consisting of Beds and Furniture, Screens, Maho-
gony Chairs and Tables of all Sizes, Card Tables,
Tea Boards, E'bow Chairs, Dressing Tables, Dres-
sing Glass and Drawers, Sconces, Looking Glasses,
Turkey and English Carpets, Pewter Dishes, Plates,
and Turrens, of all Sizes, Cu'lenders, Shovels
and Tongs for Chambers and Kitchen, Bellows,
Jack, Box-Irons and Heaters, Brass and Copper
Kettles of all Sizes, Fish Kettles, Iron and Copper
Dripping-Pans, Sauce and Stew-Pans, Coffee and
Chocolate Pots, Plate Warmers, Warming Pans,
Pestles and Mortars, Skillets, Brass Candlesticks,
Spits and Andirons, Pots, Ivory handled Knives
and Forks, Sheeting Linnen of all Kinds, Damask
Napkining and Table Linnen, Huggabag, Hyson
and fine Bohea Tea, *Turkey* Coffee, Sugar, Nut-
megs, Cloves, and other Grocery, Raisins, Cur-
rants and Almonds; Variety of *China* and Glass
Wares, Plate Baskets, Birch Brooms, &c &c.
&c. All which will be Sold very cheap, as the
Gentleman who imported them has no Use for
them.
Any Persons inclinable to purchase, may apply
to the Subscriber, at his Store in *Annapolis*.
Stephen West.

Maryland Gazette, 25 June 1752



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JUST IMPORTED,
*In the Ship WILSON, Capt. COOLIDGE, from
LONDON, and to be SOLD by the Subscriber,
in ANNAPOLIS,*
VARIETY of *European* and
East India GOODS: Also, all Kinds of
Cables, Cordage, Twine, Log Lines, deep Sea
Lines, Houfeline and Marline, Compasses, Sand
Glasses, and Variety of Ship Chandlery, at reason-
able Rates. | *Stephen West.*

Maryland Gazette, 28 September 1752

JUST IMPORTED from LONDON, in the SALLY,
*Captain SMITH, and to be sold cheap, Wholesale,
and Retail, for ready Money, or short Credit, by*
JAMES DICK & STEWART,
At their Stores in Annapolis, and London-Town,
AN Assortment of EUROPEAN and EAST-
INDIA GOODS, suitable for the Season,
amongst which are Hyson and Bohea Tea, London
double and single refined Sugar.
They have likewise for Sale, good Madeira Wine,
of the New-York Quality, by the Pipe, Hoghead,
or Quarter-Cask, best Jamaica, Muscovado Sugar, by
the Hoghead, Barrel, or Hundred, Jamaica Coffee,
Philadelphia Loaf Sugar, Spermaceti and Tallow
Candles, by the Box, best hard Soap, by the Box,
Chocolate, and best Cocoa, Rice, Window Glass,
8 by 10, and 9 by 11, fine West-India Cotton, and
a few Blocks of good Mahogany. Also Cordage of
all Sizes, made at Newington Rope-Walk, Sail-Duck,
large and small Anchors, Grappels, Hadley and
Davis's Quadrants, Hoxton's Drafts, and all Sorts of
Ship-Chandlery. And, as there is always a large
Quantity of tarr'd Yarns on Hand, Rigging for a
Ship of any Size may be completed on a few Days
Notice. As the very best Materials are provided for
carrying on the Rope-making Business, and all due
Pains taken in the Execution of the Work, the
Owners flatter themselves they can turn out Cordage,
at least, not inferior to any imported from Great-Bri-
tain. (11)

Maryland Gazette, 9 June 1768



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JAMES DICK & STEWART,
Have just imported, in the Betsey, Capt. Harrick, from London, and the Patuxent, Capt. Lusk, from Glasgow, and have for Sale at their Stores, in Annapolis, and London-Town,

A GENERAL Assortment of EUROPEAN and EAST-INDIA GOODS.

Likewise, Spermaceti Candles, Mould and Dip Tallow ditto, by the Box; Castile and Hard Soap, by the Box; Lintseed Oil, by the Barrel; Window Glass, 12 by 10, 11 by 10, and 10 by 8, by the Half Box; Madeira Wine, by the Pipe, Hoghead, or Quarter Cask; West-India Rum, by the Hoghead; single and double refined Sugar; coarse Salt; Pork, and Beef, by the Barrel.

Also, Sail-Duck; Anchors; Oakum; all Sorts of Ship Chandlery; and all Sizes of Cordage, made at Newington Rope-Walk, where Orders are completed with in the most speedy Manner. (5W)

Maryland Gazette, 8 June 1769

JAMES DICK and STEWART,
Have just imported from London, in the Ship Betsey, Captain James Buchanan, and have for sale at reasonable Rates, Wholesale and Retail, at their Stores in Annapolis and London-Town,

A LARGE Assortment of GOODS, agreeable to the Association, consisting of coarse Woolens of all Sorts, Irish Linens, Osabrige, Rugs and Blankets, Match-Coat Blankets, Foreign Linens, Gunpowder, Shot and Lead, Sail-Cloth of all Numbers, Anchors from 12 Cwt. to 2 Cwt. Grapnels, and all Sorts of Ship Chandlery, Oakum, Seine-Twine, Grind-Stones, and Hand Mill Stones; Corks, Seine-Corks and Leads, Felt Hats, Wool and Cotton Cards, &c.

They have likewise for Sale, old Madeira Wine, by the Pipe, Hoghead, or Quarter Cask, coarse and fine Salt by the Bushel, Rice, and a few Boxes of Castile Soap, and barrel'd Pork.

All Sorts of Cordage made at Newington Rope-Walk: Where Orders will be complied with, with as much Expedition as possible. 6

Maryland Gazette, 4 October 1770