

**Citizenship in the Community  
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Quiz Based on the Video "A Walk Through Hoboken"**

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1. The first white men to sight Hoboken in 1609 were:

- a. Henry Hudson and his crew
- b. Peter Stuyvesant and his crew
- c. Wilhelm Hoboken and his crew

2. An entry in Henry Hudson's ship log mentions a feature of the landscape that can still be seen when you go along Sinatra Drive near the river. What was it?

- a. The cliff below Stevens Institute made up of green rock
- b. The cliff formed by the palisades rising up behind the projects
- c. The tall flagpole near the Little League baseball field.

3. For all practical purposes, early Hoboken was an island, surrounded by water on all four sides:

- North: a deep inlet between Hoboken and Weehawken (still there)
- East: the Hudson River
- South: a deep inlet between Hoboken and Newport (still there)
- West: ???

What was the body of water on the west that made Hoboken look like an island?

- a. The Hackensack River
- b. The Erie-Lackawanna Canal
- c. A marshland, since filled in, starting west from where Clinton Street is now

4. In the early 1700s, Samuel Bayard bought the entire square mile that makes up Hoboken, and the Bayard family owned it until 1777. How did they lose it?

- a. It was lost in a card game
- b. It was confiscated during the Revolutionary War
- c. The whole family was killed in an Indian raid

5. How did Colonel John Stevens come to own Hoboken in 1784?

- a. He saw an advertisement in the Hoboken Reporter
- b. It was awarded by the Government for meritorious service
- c. He bought it at an auction after the Revolutionary War

6. Col. Stevens was a natural-born engineer, and successfully solved the problem of how to ferry people back and forth between New York City and Hoboken. What was his invention?

- a. The first successful steamboat
- b. A new type of sailboat, called the two-masted schooner
- c. The first successful paddleboat

7. In the 1820s Col. Stevens finally got permission to run his ferry service. In order to make Hoboken an attractive place to visit:

- a. He built a shopping mall
- b. He developed it as a pleasure resort
- c. He built the first baseball stadium in the U.S.

8. If you want a good Eagle project, tell the people at the Hoboken Historical Museum that you want to excavate "Sybil's Cave". What was it?

- a. It was a refreshment stand along the river walk, where strollers could buy spring water
- b. It was a grotto where an oracle dwelt. who could predict your future
- c. Rumors say that pirates and privateers hid treasure there

9. At the north end of old Hoboken were the sprawling woods of "The Elysian Fields". All that's left today is the tiny Elysian Park on Hudson Street, between 10th and 11th. But back then, it was big enough for Col. Stevens to clear out a field where games could be played. In fact, in 1846, that's where they played the very first game of organized

- a. Football
- b. Soccer
- c. Baseball

10. Col. Stevens not only pioneered one of the world's first steamboats, but he is also credited with lots of other innovations, such as running the world's first railroad train on a circular track in the Elysian Fields. It was called a "steam carriage on rails". But his most important legacy to Hoboken was:

- a. The Stevens Cooperative School at 301 Garden Street
- b. The Stevens Castle
- c. The Stevens Institute of Technology