

Reading guide: A Brief Description of the Province of Carolina

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These questions will help to guide students' reading of "A Brief Description of the Province of Carolina¹" and encourage them to think critically about the text.

Worksheet — A Brief Description of the Province of Carolina

1. Who is the intended audience for the pamphlet?
2. What qualities were Englishmen looking for in a new land?
3. Can you find in this pamphlet the idea of America as a land of opportunity? List the examples.
4. What are the qualities that attracted people to Carolina in 1666 that still draw them here today?
5. What methods did the Lords Proprietors use to attract people to Carolina? Do state and local governments still use any of these methods to attract people and businesses?

6. What might people attracted to Carolina by this pamphlet have thought of the Fundamental Constitutions, with its call for landed nobility and serfs?

7. How is this pamphlet like advertisements today? How is it different?

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1. See <http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-colonial/1.8>.

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