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Reflection 1

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1. Describe the traits and contributions of the pre-European inhabitants of the island. Tribal form of government. Hunted and farmed the land prior to the Dutch arriving. The Native Americans were spiritually connected to the land. There was a different language spoken. Different religion and customs.

2) Explain the primary purpose of the Dutch as they took over the island of Manahattan

- The Hudson was created for trade and more financial capability.

3) Identify the main aspects of the Dutch colony:

a) economic (what were the main products which supported the colony? How were they attained and sold? Who controlled the economy?) The Hudson was the pathway for trade, that it increases economic wealth. Carrying good and importing raw materials.

b) social (who comprised the colony? did all have equal rights? what about the position of slaves and women?) The Dutch colonialists formed a privileged upper social class of soldiers, administrators, managers, teachers and pioneers. European and indigenous were the two classes.

c) political (who was in charge? how was the colony controlled?) Republican government

d) religious aspects of Dutch New Amsterdam (was the religious diversity of the colony unusual in the Americas? why did this exist? was it a positive or a negative?) As people migrated, religion and individuals became diverse. Religions included Anabaptists, particularly the Mennonites.