1. Can you explain the particular conditions that led the Dutch to colonize North America? The French? The Germans? The English in New England? The English in the Chesapeake?
2. Can you explain the architectural contributions of each of these groups, giving specific examples? For example, can your explain the anchor balken system of Dutch dwellings? The New England Box Frame? German Fachwerk? The earthfast construction of the Chesapeake?
3. Can you explain, as well as compare and contrast, the different settlement patterns of these groups in the landscape they created?
4. What are possible explanations of the development of the raised Creole house of Louisiana?
5. How does the Creole plan differ from that of the colonial Dutch, German, or English plans?
6. What is the significance the Creole house plan in a slave society?
7. Can you explain the construction methods and materials used in the Creole house? Of the Dutch house? The New England house? The earthfast house of the Chesapeake?
8. Can you label all the parts of the New England box frame? Of the Chesapeake earthfast house?
9. The English settled both New England and the Chesapeake, yet in each region, they employed very different construction techniques. How do you explain the adoption of earthfast techniques in the Chesapeake?
10. The English also had very different settlement patterns in New England compared to the Chesapeake. Can you describe the patterns? Can you account for the differences in these patterns?
11. Why did the Puritans call New England “a city on the hill”?
12. Can you explain the evolution of the New England meeting house from its dwelling form to its final form, indistinguishable from other denominations?
13. Why did Puritans reject the traditional English parish church form and plan?
14. What are the possible precedents of the New England meeting house?
15. Can you explain how a New England town plan such as New Haven’s is comparable to the plan of a Puritan Meeting House?
16. What is the thesis of Benes’ article on sleeping arrangements in early New England?
17. Can you explain how the New England dwelling house achieved its distinctive form as a result of England’s Great Rebuilding?
18. What is the thesis of Nieman’s article on Chesapeake construction techniques?
19. Compare the ways that the Puritans of New England conducted domestic activity within their household to the way that the people of the Chesapeake conducted domestic activity on their plantations.
20. Colonists in the Chesapeake built an economic system based on slave labor. How do we see this economic system manifested in the landscape and architecture of the Chesapeake?
21. Why did the Chesapeake colonists use earthfast construction?
22. Remember, these questions cover the broad themes and issues we’ve covered. It’s your responsibility to write convincingly with detailed information and vocabulary that proves your fluency with the themes and issues.
23. What caused the deaths of John Ellis, Sr., and his sons William and Benjamin?