

Post-Visit Quiz

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Teacher Answer Guide

- 1. At the beginning of the conflict in 1861, how would you describe the overall outlook of most of New Bern's residents?**
Like the rest of North Carolina, New Bern was divided in its opinions of secession. As the war grew closer, opinions leaned more towards secession, but during New Bern's occupation, the citizens that remained included both secessionists and Unionists.
- 2. Why was New Bern attractive to Union military strategists?**
If they took control of it, they would have a much better chance of gaining control of the North Carolina coast.
- 3. What Union general led the attack on New Bern?** *Gen. Ambrose Burnside*
- 4. The Battle of New Bern took place** *March 14, 1862*
- 5. After New Bern fell, how long was it occupied by Union troops?**
Though Confederate troops attempted to take the city back several times over the course of the war, New Bern remained occupied throughout the war.
- 6. Who did President Lincoln appoint as military governor of North Carolina?**
New Bern native Edward Stanly
- 7. Why did this military governor eventually resign from his position?**
Edward Stanly favored a unified country, but he strongly opposed abolition. With the passage of the Emancipation Proclamation, Stanly resigned from his position and stated that he thought the proclamation would prevent any chance of a peaceful reconciliation.
- 8. Why did New Bern's population grow during its occupation?**
Population losses due to New Bern residents fleeing before occupation were soon offset by numerous refugees streaming into the city. Most of the influx consisted of enslaved people escaping from plantations in the counties surrounding New Bern. Most of their owners had fled farther into North Carolina's interior.
- 9. The settlement eventually named James City was created for what reason?**
As the numbers of African American refugees around New Bern climbed into the thousands, the Union government gathered them together and set up a refugee camp on a Trent River plantation just south of New Bern. Horace James, a Union chaplain, was eventually appointed to oversee its organization. The residents laid out streets and assigned lots, built houses, a school, a blacksmith shop, a hospital, and several churches. By the end of the war, this community of three thousand inhabitants was named in honor of James.

10. In 1863, Secretary of War, Edwin Stanton authorized the organization of what brigade? *The "African Brigade," which was made up of African Americans troops and composed of four regiments stationed in New Bern – three from North Carolina and the 51st Massachusetts.*