

***Directions: Read Student Handout 2-What is a Quarantine Station? Answer the questions to develop background knowledge.***

1. What Latin word is rooted in the term “quarantine” \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why was “quarantine” used in the 1300s? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What nickname was often given to “quarantine” stations and hospitals? Why?

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4. Describe some of the symptoms of deadly diseases that plagued the United States in the eighteenth century (1700s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

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b) \_\_\_\_\_

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*Another disease, which would become prominent later was **cholera** – marked by diarrhea for days or weeks, dehydration, vomiting, and muscle-cramping.*

5. Describe Philadelphia’s experiences with yellow fever in 1793.

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6. What was Philadelphia's response to the epidemic of 1793?

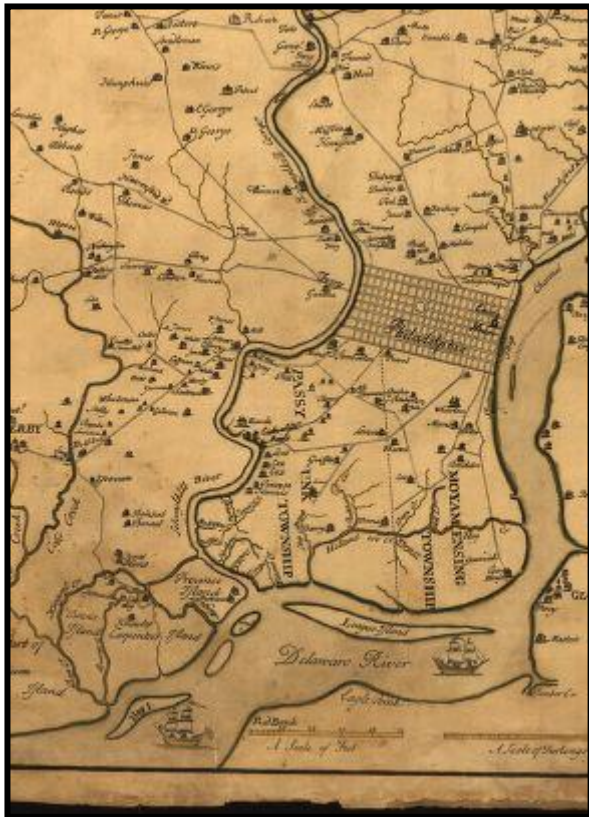
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7. Why was the hospital on Province Island no longer effective? (Hint: Consider the other epidemics of the late eighteenth century.)

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8. Using the map to the left. Trace your finger up the Delaware River going to Philadelphia. The city is marked by a cross-section grid.

**A map of Philadelphia and parts adjacent:  
with a perspective view of the State-House  
(1752), Courtesy of the Library of Congress  
Detail 1 : Philadelphia and Delaware River**



9. Using the second map (and the reading), label Province Island (#1) and then Tincicum Island (#2). Why is Tincicum Island better suited as a quarantine station?

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*\*Hog Island is currently the southwest part of the Philadelphia International Airport. These islands have been filled-in with dirt.*

**A map of Philadelphia and parts adjacent: with a perspective view of the State-House (1752), Courtesy of the Library of Congress**  
 Detail 2: Zoom in on Delaware River and islands south and west of Philadelphia

10. In order to go to the city of Philadelphia, what did visitors and vessels have to do at the Lazaretto on Tincicum Island?

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11. What was the main purpose of the *Lazaretto* according to historian Dr. David Barnes? To stop the spread of \_\_\_\_\_ 12. According to historian Dr. David Barnes, the quarantine station and hospital... provided care to “sick passengers on

arriving vessels” and “\_\_\_\_\_ to the healthy citizens of Philadelphia.” Thousands of patients were “\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ there over the years.”

13. Why is the *Lazaretto* of Tinicum island significant or important today?

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