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Two Worlds Apart

Directions: Read the two passages below. One describes life in a European colony, and the other describes life in an Indigenous community during the era of exploration and empire. Then, answer the questions that follow to compare how the two groups lived, worked, and viewed the land.

Life in the European Settlement

In the small wooden houses of the coastal colony, settlers worked hard to build a new life far from Europe. Men spent long days farming, cutting timber, or trading goods at the harbor. Women baked bread, sewed clothes, and tended to gardens. Many settlers saw the land as something to own and change: fields were cleared, trees cut, and fences built to mark their farms. The colony grew around a church and a market square, where news from ships connected them to their faraway homeland.

Life in the Indigenous Village

Not far away, an Indigenous community thrived on the same land in a very different way. Families lived in homes made from materials found in nature: wood, bark, or animal hides. Each season brought new tasks: planting, fishing, hunting, or gathering berries. The people saw the land as sacred and shared; it provided everything needed for survival. Stories told around the fire taught lessons about respect for nature, ancestors, and balance with the world around them.

1. What kinds of work did European settlers do each day?
2. How did Indigenous people use the land differently from the settlers?
3. What did both groups depend on to live and survive?
4. How did each group's view of the land shape their way of life?
5. If you could visit either community for one day, which would you choose and why?