

End of Unit 2 Assessment:
Synthesizing Information from Text and Audio Resources

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Directions:

Step 1—Turn to the page with the graphic organizer. Listen to the passage “A New York Merchant: Adam Johnson,” and take notes using the graphic organizer on the second read.

Step 2—Read “Shipbuilders” and complete the graphic organizer.

Step 3—Answer the following questions using details from both passages.

“Shipbuilders”

Shipbuilding in colonial times was complicated. It took at least a year to construct a large ship. The ship was built by hand from beginning to end using various kinds of tools—mauls for hammering stakes, jack planes for smoothing wood, and steamboxes for shaping the ship’s frame. Every part of the ship was made and put together by hand right at the ocean port.

Shipbuilding required the skills of various craftsmen—carpenters, cabinetmakers, ropemakers, caulkers, coopers, and sailmakers. They all had a hand in the building of the ship, so the ability to collaborate was very important.

A well-built vessel had to ride balanced in the water so that it would not capsize and sink. The ship had to be watertight. Too much water in the hold could ruin the cargo and cause damage to the ship’s timbers.

The shipbuilding trade was vitally important in colonial times. Merchants needed their goods to be transported across the ocean and back. Colonists had to travel to and from Europe. The British navy needed ships to protect the colonies. The American colonies would not have survived without shipbuilders.

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