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Colonial Influence

In 1767 Mason and Dixon determined the exact boundaries for Pennsylvania and England allowed William Penn to govern the territory by establishing courts and judges and forming a militia.



The formation of the militia instigated more of an already formidable sport at the time, horse racing. Men on horseback would often feud over who had the best or the fastest horse.

This Hall of Fame member displays the English Colonial Saddle. _____

During the colonial period, horse racing was the number one organized sport in America.

Many town rivalries were centered on horse racing. As a matter of fact, it was not uncommon for people to travel hundreds of miles to the early quarter-mile tracks that were built along main town roads or in level fields.

The horses that were raced were often used for work. Some were used for carrying corn from the Native Americans and working in the fields, while others were used to transport wagons filled with materials for trade or passengers from one destination to another. However, as the sport of racing grew, so did the need for a faster horse. Some of the horses were taken out of fields and replaced by African slaves and others were bought or sold to men who began to take an interest in breeding. The new breeding programs aided in the development of the Colonial Quarter Race Horse.



What famous brand is under the Hall of Fame Medallion in the Grand Hall?

To answer the call for faster horses, wealthy men took advantage of the travel ports and began to have horses shipped in from other countries.

In 1764 who is imported to the Americas and becomes a leading sire of distance horses in the American Colonies?

In 1752, the North Carolina counties housed Janus, one of the most prominent horses in history. Janus, grandson to The Godolphin Arabian, was a long-course racer shipped in by John Randolph of Virginia. His compact structure, strength and power improved bloodlines throughout the Americas by giving his progeny great speed over short distances. Many statesmen and militia men rode horses from the Janus bloodlines.

How many seasons does Janus stand at stud? _____

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Settlers had to feed and water their horses just like we do today. They depended on their horses for survival so they had to take excellent care of them.

What items can a horse eat? _____

How many gallons of water does he drink each day? _____

What are the stirrups of an English saddle made from? _____

Who was the first English horse to be imported into Virginia?

Who is considered the founder of the American Quarter Horse AND the American Thoroughbred?

Who is your favorite race horse in the Hall of Fame? _____ What year was he or she inducted? _____

Why was this horse your favorite? _____

Draw one of the items displayed in their case.

What year was the American Quarter Racing Association founded? _____

Who was its first president? _____

When does the American Quarter Racing Association and the National Quarter Horse Breeders Association join AQHA?

What was your favorite exhibit? Use the space below to make a sketch of your favorite exhibit to help you remember it!

Title: _____