

Answer Key to Anticipation Guide

1. False. A hall was the room where work, eating, and conversation took place.
2. True. A probate record was also a means for assigning value to property to be divided among surviving relatives or others identified in a person's will (a legal statement about one's wishes to be carried out after death).
3. False. It would not be practical or economical to import all of your clothing (perhaps a few important items, only). Most Americans made cloth and fabric for clothing or household goods on spinning wheels and looms, or sewed their own clothing from imported cloth. Only some of the very wealthy imported clothing from Britain.
4. True. A woman could receive property from her husband upon his death, but usually she got just a fraction of it (perhaps only one-third of the total).
5. True. Americans who wanted to be well-respected in their communities imitated this ritual.
6. False. Who do you think might be listed as property in a southern home in the eighteenth century in America?
7. False. Americans were using colonial or English currency and coin which was divided into pounds, shillings, and pence (it was like saying dollars, half dollars, and pennies and separating the three with decimals). Individual colonies had distinct exchange rates for their currency with the English as well as the other colonies.