Activity 1: Comparing the Timeline of Moravians to the Timeline of North Carolina

Watch the video to help you fill in the dates on the timeline below.

Jan Hus is killed for his religious beliefs in Constance, Germany. Count Zinzendorf provides a safe place for Moravians in Herrnhut, Germany. The town of Salem is established in North Carolina. The first Easter sunrise service occurs in Salem.

The following timeline shows events in North Carolina that occurred at about the same times as you filled in on the timeline above.

Native Americans, including tribes of Catawba, Tuscarora, Chowanoc and Waxhaw, live in the Piedmont region of North Carolina. Blackbeard, the pirate, is killed near Ocracoke Inlet. Governor William Tryon oversees the construction of his “palace” in New Bern. Daniel Boone leaves his home on the Yadkin River to explore Kentucky.

Use the information on the timelines to help you answer these questions.

1. Would it have been possible for Blackbeard to have heard about the first Easter sunrise service in Salem? __________

Explain your answer: _________________________________________________________________
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2. Could members of the Catawba tribe have met Jan Hus? __________

Explain your answer: _________________________________________________________________
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Activity 2: Understanding Changes the Moravians Brought to Their Community

Most of the Moravians who came to Salem were from Germany or had parents who came from Germany. Moravians valued education, religion and missionary work. Moravians lived in groups according to their age, whether they were male or female, and whether they were married or single. These characteristics influenced the places they lived.

Read the statements and examine the illustrations below. Decide whether or not they represent a change Moravians made to their community.

1. Schools were built for both boys and girls.
   Is this a change Moravians made to their community? ________
   How do you know? ________________________________
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2. English was the only language spoken.
   Is this a change Moravians made to their community? ________
   How do you know? ________________________________
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3. Children lived with their parents until they were married.
   Is this a change Moravians made to their community? ________
   How do you know? ________________________________
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4. Easter was an important holiday celebrated with a sunrise service.
   Is this a change Moravians made to their community? ________
   How do you know? ________________________________
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