



**Comparative Reading:
Gottlieb Mittelberger and Christopher Sauer**

Directed Reading Questions	Christopher Sauer	Gottlieb Mittelberger
1. From what part of Germany did they come?		
2. Who came with them?		
3. What date did they depart?		
4. What was their trade/occupation?		
5. How long did the journey take from Holland to England?		
6. How long did they wait in England and why?		
7. What was the length of the trans-Atlantic journey?		
8. What were the conditions on the ship?		
9. What was their reception in Philadelphia?		
10. How did they describe the process of indenturing?		
11. What were the conditions in Pennsylvania?		
12. Who was the intended audience?		

Critical Thinking Questions

1. What is Mittelberger and Sauer's purpose in writing their accounts? Consider who the intended audience was.
2. What is the biggest difference between Sauer and Mittelberger's account? How can you account for that difference?
3. What does Sauer emphasize that Mittelberger does not? What does Mittelberger emphasize that Sauer does not? Why?
4. In Part II of his journal, Gottlieb Mittelberger described conditions in Pennsylvania. Based on what you know about Mittelberger, how do you think he described colonial Pennsylvania and its inhabitants?
5. Historians often have to assess credibility and be constantly aware of biases inherent in different sources. Based on your reading of Sauer and Mittelberger, whose account do you find more credible and why?