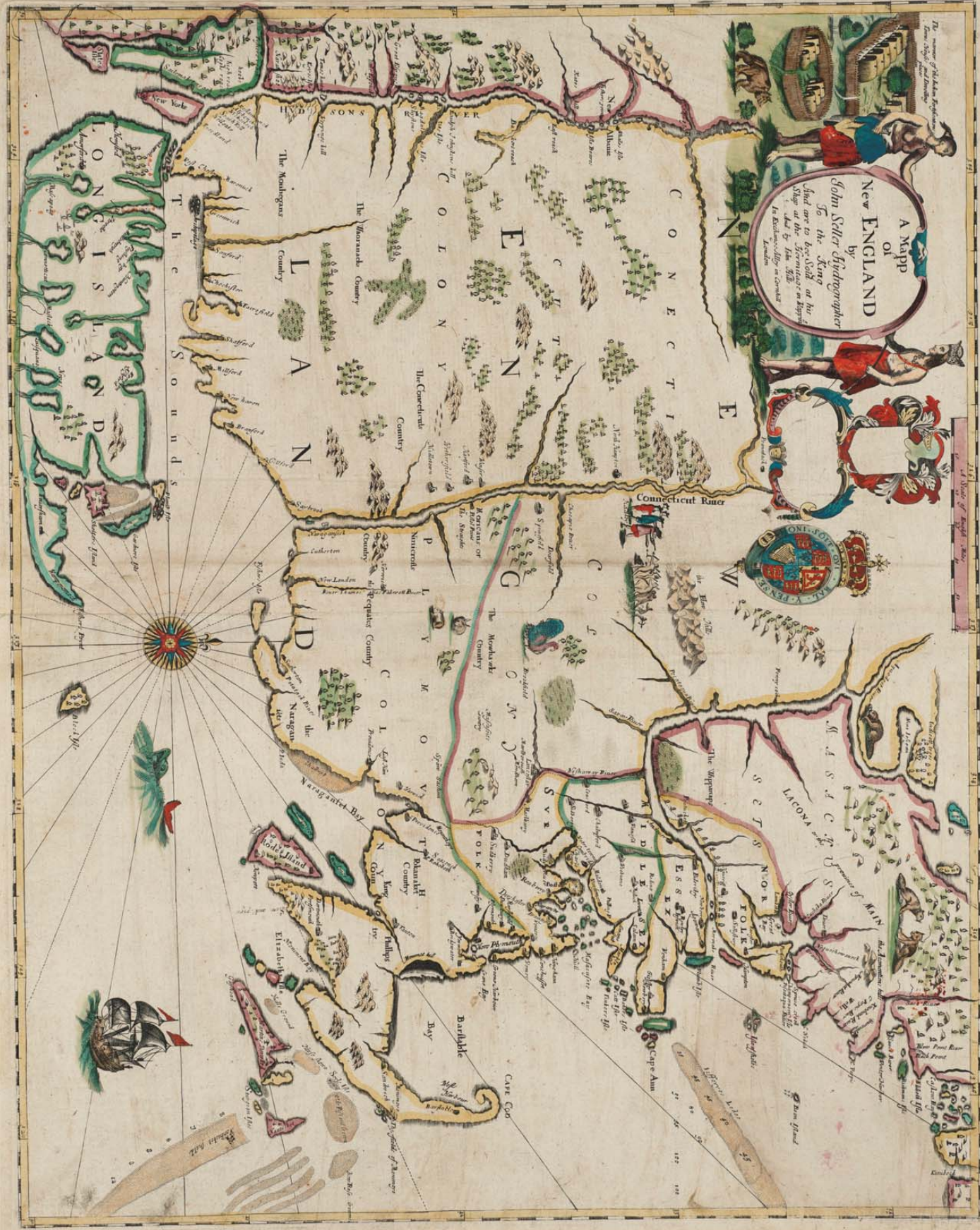




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# Old Maps of Boston and New England

## What Stories Do They Tell?

Maps from long ago tell different kinds of stories. There are two maps in this packet. Let's take a closer look at both.



### Map of New England -1675



The map from 1675 was made when Europeans first came to this country. It shows all of New England. The land was very interesting to this mapmaker.

### Map of the Town and Harbor of Boston -1775

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This is a map of Boston from 1775, a time when the European settlers here were tired of being ruled by England, a country far across the ocean.



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These two maps tell you something about the events or lives of the people of that time. Take the magnifying glass and look carefully at the things that are drawn on the maps.

- Take a good look at the map of New England from 1675. What items did the mapmaker choose to draw on that map?
- Take a good look at the map of Boston from 1775. What items did the mapmaker choose to draw on that map?

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*Create a list of the things you see on each map. Think about these questions:*

- What pictures are on each map? People? Animals? Mountains? Islands?
- What places are named on each map?

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*Now compare your two lists.*

- What is on both lists?
- What is special to each map?

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*What stories do these maps tell about New England and Boston hundreds of years ago?*

- What was important to the maker of the New England map from 1675? What did he think people needed to know?
- What was important to the maker of the Boston map from 1775? What did he think people needed to know?



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