

Everyday Life before the Civil War

1. Relate the regional differences in facial expression, gestures, and ways of carrying the body that differentiated Americans in the period. How might outsiders interpret these regional behaviors?
2. How were rural people perceived by city-dwellers and vice versa? How accurate do you believe these perceptions were?
3. Cite examples that illustrate the levels of cleanliness that existed in America's cities and countryside during this period.
4. Describe the state of personal cleanliness and sanitation.
5. Summarize how Americans consumed alcohol and its effects on American society.

