



DESCRIPTION AND SUGGESTED USES

Short-stemmed clay pipe from Fort Orange, New Netherlands. Fort Orange was the first permanent Dutch settlement in North America. The words, "Fort Orange, 1620" are inscribed on the side of the pipe. However, Fort Orange was not built until 1624. The pipe is most probably from Fort Nassau which the Dutch built earlier and had to abandon because of constant flooding. The present-day city of Albany, New York stands on the site of Fort Orange today. Artifact courtesy Glorieta Private Collection.

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1. This item provides the opportunity to introduce the idea of colonists other than the English who came to North America to establish colonies for their home countries. Once the students have determined that this is from New Netherlands in the 1620s, have them chart the other colonies/towns established in North America at the time. **IMPORTANT:** Do not overlook the Spanish in Florida and the Rio Grande Valley.