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River Settlements

When groups of people relocated and decided upon where they would live and build their new communities, geography would play an important role. Many settlements grew around rivers. The Hudson River, in New York, is one such settlement.

In 1609, Dutch explorer Henry Hudson sailed the up a river from the Atlantic Ocean. Dutch colonists followed him and established settlements along the river. One of these settlements was New Amsterdam.

Directions: Research the Dutch river settlement of New Amsterdam. Write some interesting facts about the settlement and its history.

What is the modern name for this settlement? _____

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