

Henry Hudson & Native Americans



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Hudson's Journey in the New World

- ❧ Most likely the first place Hudson's first steps onto the soil of the New World was along the coast of Staten Island
- ❧ This location was also probably where the first meeting of Hudson and Native Americans took place
 - ❧ The Indians described Hudson as dressed in a "*red coat all glittering with gold lace*"
 - ❧ Hudson described the Natives as wearing deer skins and skins of other native animals for clothing
- ❧ The *Half Moon* anchored at many points along the Hudson River itself
 - ❧ Hudson explored the rest of the Staten Island coast and parts of the New Jersey coast
 - ❧ He sailed up the river and anchored along the Verrazano Narrows

Heading North

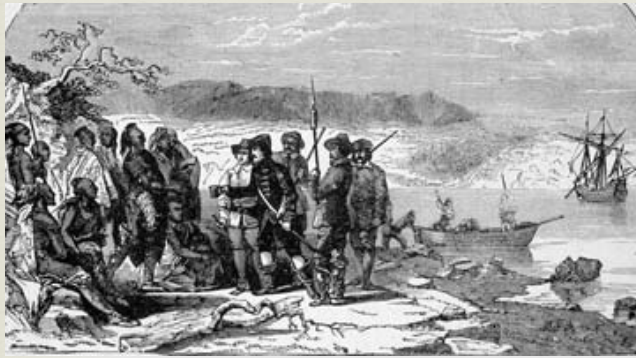


- ❧ In mid-September, around the fifteenth of the month, Hudson anchored at night near Indian Point and Catskill
- ❧ By using Hudson log's and first mate Juet calculations we can conclude that Hudson met with the Native Americans in these regions as well
- ❧ While anchored at Indian Point and Catskill, Hudson greeted the Native Americans aboard the *Half Moon* for the first time

Trading



- ❧ Hudson met with the indigenous people on the coast and traded European steel knives, hatchets, and beads for Native American corn, bread, and oysters
- ❧ The crew was quick to note the amount of furs the Natives had to trade and were correct in judging the potential for trade and profit
- ❧ Hudson sent a small boat ahead to sound the river only to be attacked by Indians



Conflict



- ❧ When the boat returned, one of Hudson's crew members had been killed by an arrow shot through his throat
- ❧ A meeting with the Indians where the Native American leader broke an arrow and threw it into a fire, symbolizing peace between the explorers and Indians
- ❧ Hudson's crew members soon began to ply the Indians with alcohol, in order to obtain the more valuable furs the natives had brought with them
- ❧ One of the Indians became so intoxicated that Hudson's crew had him stay the night on the *Half Moon*

Sail No More



- ❧ Hudson used a small craft to explore the river north of Albany
- ❧ With the combination of shallow soundings and the ship running aground, Hudson realized he could go no further upriver
 - ❧ *“Been up 24 to 27 miles in which there was only seven feet of water inconstant soundings”*



Final Conflict



- ❧ As he sailed down river, Hudson had meetings with other Native American tribes that lives along the river
- ❧ Natives were peaceful and beneficial for both sides, however a meeting near present-day Peekskill ended in violence
 - ❧ One of the natives snuck into Hudson's cabin and stole, *"my pillow, two shirts, and two bandoliers."*
 - ❧ Hudson fired on the native as he attempted to escape
 - ❧ *"They appear to be a friendly people, but have a great prosperity to steal and are exceeding adroit in carrying away whatever they take a fancy to"*
- ❧ This was to be Hudson's final encounter with the Native Americans on the river

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