Mennonites Settle in North America, 1683-1860 Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 8, Anabaptist Heritage

1. Why did most of the early Mennonite and Amish immigrants go to Pennsylvania?

2. Only a few decades after the establishment of the first permanent Mennonite settlement at Germantown, Mennonites had migrated into the Shenandoah Valley (1730s). Why did Mennonites move to the present-day Page County, Virginia, so soon after their arrival in the New World?

3. Read the sidebar on the Germantown Slavery Protest. Why were Mennonites opposed to slavery? Can you think of any reasons why more Mennonites didn’t get involved in the Abolitionist Movement?

4. Why did Mennonite leaders make arrangements to have the Martyrs Mirror translated for their congregations? What language was the Mirror originally written in? And what language were the Mennonites speaking during the Colonial era?

5. It has been estimated that about 1/3 of the American colonists were patriots, about 1/3 were loyalists, and about 1/3 didn't care about the Revolutionary War. Why would you suspect that "neither the patriots nor the loyalists ever fully accepted the Mennonites' peace stance"?

6. Why were Mennonites somewhat reluctant to accept the pietistic emphases of the Second Great Awakening of the 1780s-1820s (pp. 175-176)?

7. What were the reasons for the "push and pull" of Mennonite immigration to the United States between 1815 and 1860?

8. What sort of character strengths did Verena Sprunger Lehman seem to possess?

9. Study the map on page 181. What kind of generalizations can be made about where Mennonites live from the information given in the map?