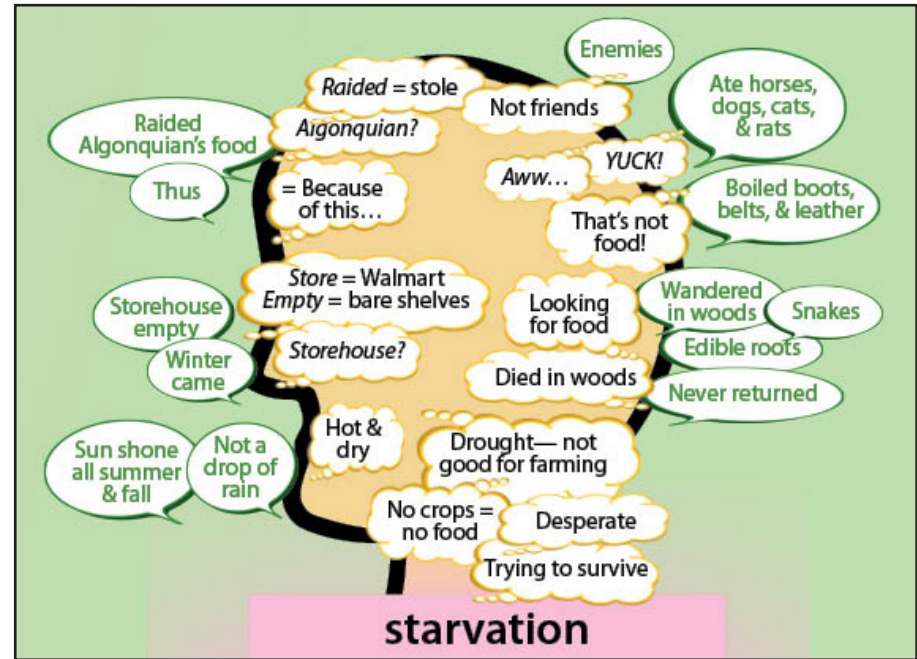


ORIGINAL TEXT | The sun shone all summer and fall. Not a drop of rain fell. When winter came, the storehouse was empty. Thus, the American Colonists raided the Algonquians' food, causing them to become bitter enemies. People ate their horses, dogs, cats, and even rats. The Colonists resorted to boiling their boots, belts, and every scrap of leather to make broth. People wandered about in the woods in search of snakes or edible roots. Most of them never returned to the settlement.

PROMPT| After reading *You Wouldn't Want to Be an American Colonist!* predict the cause of the Colonists' behavior.



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BASIC constructed response—

- INFERENCE** Starvation caused the Colonists' behavior.
- EVIDENCE** According to the text, the Colonists ate their "horses, dogs," and "cats."
- EVIDENCE** The text also stated that the Colonists made "broth" from boiling their own "boots, belts," and "leather."
- EXPLANATION** These details prove that the Colonists were starving because they were desperately doing anything they could to survive.