

## The Healthy City: Early Public Health

**GATHERING THE INFO:** *As you watch the webisode, complete this sheet. You may need to pause the webisode and/or watch it more than once to get all of the information.*

1. What were the two main explanations for Philadelphia's recurring yellow fever outbreaks?

**Bad air; importation—brought by Haitian refugees fleeing political unrest.**

2. Fill in the chart below.

Steps taken to clean Philadelphia and prevent spread of disease	Steps taken to calm Philadelphia during the yellow fever epidemic of 1793
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board of public health established</b></li> <li>• <b>Municipal employees to patrol streets with leather buckets filled with water</b></li> <li>• <b>Built a new Lazaretto, quarantine hospital, further from city</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Guidelines from College of Physicians</b></li> <li>• <b>Churches told to stop ringing bells</b></li> </ul>

### EXPLORING PRIMARY SOURCES

1. *Pause at 1 minute, 48 seconds. According to the first four lines of the document, what are captains or masters of ships required to do when they reach the Port of Philadelphia? (Note: you will usually need to replace "f" with "s" as you read.)*

**Send a boat to bring the Resident Physician to the ship and bring him back after he has done an official examination.**

2. *What procedure is illustrated in the image at 2 minutes, 25 seconds?*

**A leather bucket filled with water is being used to clean city streets.**

**ANALYZING THE INFO:** *The webisode begins with the following poem by Philip Freneau:*

Nature's poisons here collected,  
Water, earth and air infected—  
O, what a pity,  
Such a city,  
Was in such a place erected!

*Does this quotation do a good job of describing Philadelphia in the 1790s? How about Philadelphia today? Answer on the back or on a separate sheet.*

**Answers will vary.**

