

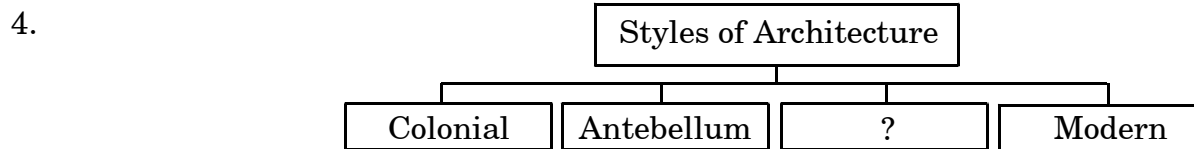
This information is taken from a brochure by the Hillsborough Historic Society.

Located just off interstates 85 and 40 on the Colonial Heritage Scenic By-way, Hillsborough is a refreshing waystop for the traveler interested in southern and national history. As a capital of colonial and revolutionary North Carolina, Hillsborough was the scene of numerous important and dramatic events, including the War of the Regulation (1768–1771), the Third Provincial Congress (1775), and the raising of the Royal Standard by General Cornwallis (1781). As the seat of Orange County, Hillsborough remained an important center of politics. It was the final residence of William Hooper, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the birthplace of Thomas Hart Benton, who was instrumental in the expansion of the United States during the first half of the nineteenth century. Here lived such prominent statesmen and jurists as William A. Graham, Thomas Ruffin, Senior and Junior, Frederick Nash, James Hogg, Francis Nash and Alfred Moore.

Hillsborough was laid out as a town in 1754 by William Churton, surveyor and agent for John Carteret, Earl Granville, near the site of successive Native American villages and the Great Trading Path. The Native Americans have long since disappeared from there, but the meandering and picturesque Eno River remains much as it was in Churton's day, and the town likewise retains its historic character. A pleasing mixture of modern convenience and rural charm, Hillsborough's shaded avenues are a virtual record of the passing of two centuries, a combination of colonial, antebellum, Victorian, and modern styles of architecture. A living, not a reconstructed community, Hillsborough nevertheless has many lovingly restored buildings, both public and private, and the Town Hall is located in a former residence, complete with outbuildings. Gardens, flowering shrubs and trees, and a quaint country inn add to the attractiveness of this small town. Antique shops offer artifacts with a regional emphasis. The downtown area preserves a village atmosphere.

1. What is the **main** purpose of this selection?
- A to persuade the reader to move to Hillsborough
 - B to amuse the reader with a funny story about Hillsborough
 - C to inform the reader about Hillsborough
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2. What would **best** describe Hillsborough to a person planning a visit?
- A a large political center
 - B a town full of antique shops
 - C a charming historic town

3. Which year was Hillsborough laid out as a town?
- A 1754
 - B 1768
 - C 1771



Which word from the selection should go in the empty box?

- A Rural
- B City
- C Victorian

End of Sample Items

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Selection Title	QID	CorAns	Thinking Skill	ObjNum
Visit Historic Hillsborough, N.C.	1	C	Analyzing	4.01
Visit Historic Hillsborough, N.C.	2	C	Analyzing	2.01
Visit Historic Hillsborough, N.C.	3	A	Organizing	2.01
Visit Historic Hillsborough, N.C.	4	C	Applying	2.01