The Samuel Vaughan Plan was given to George Washington as a gift from Samuel Vaughan. Vaughan visited Mount Vernon in 1787 while Washington was presiding over the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. His drawing of Mount Vernon was created using notes and sketches from his visit.

Use the Samuel Vaughan Plan Primary Source (found in PDF) to answer the following question:

1. What do you see on the map? List at least 10 things you see in the image.

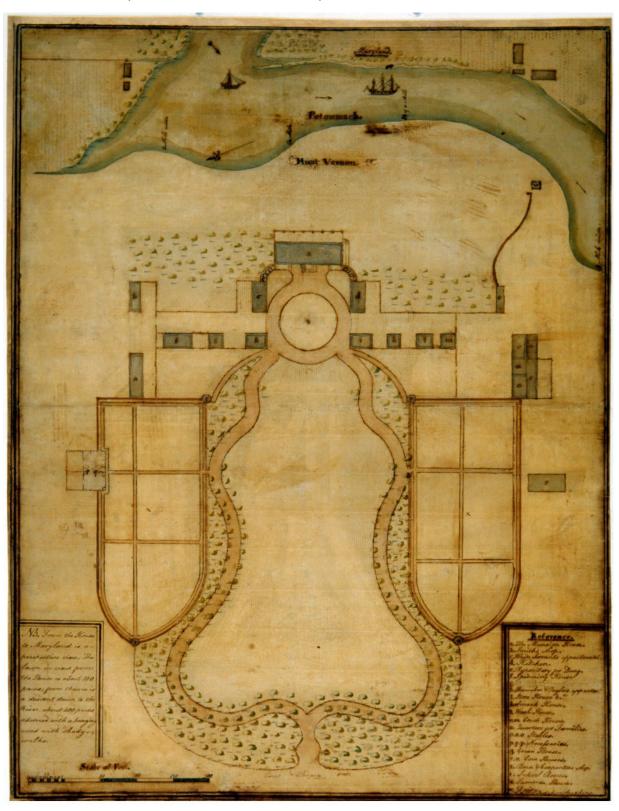
2. On the upper portion of the image, the artist included the "Powtowmack" River. Why do you think a house and farm would be built close to a river in the 18th century?

3. Using the key in the lower right-hand corner of the image, what conclusions can you make about the 18th century? Give at least three specific examples.

Example: The map shows a school room (t) on the estate. I can conclude that education happened at Mount Vernon, instead of off the estate.

4.	Locate the Mansion House (a) and the Smiths Shop (b). Describe their location in comparison to each other. Why do you think they were built this way?
5.	At Mount Vernon, enslaved members of the community with families lived in the Quarters for Families (n). Compare this location to the apartment for the white servants (c). What conclusions can you make about the difference between the enslaved workers and white servants who worked or visited Mount Vernon based on their location relative to the Mansion?
6.	George Washington was very involved in developing the plan for Mount Vernon. Based on the Vaughan Plan, which areas of the estate do you think were most important to him? Give at least two specific examples.

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TRANSCRIPTION OF REFERENCES:

- a. The Mansion House
- b. Smiths Shop
- c. White Servants appartment
- d. Kitchen
- e. Repository of Dung
- f. Spinning House

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- h. Shoemaker & Taylor appart
- i. Storehouse &c
- k. Smoak House
- 1. Wash House
- mm. Coach Houses
- n. Quarters for Families
- ooo. Stables
- ppp. Necessaries
- q. Greenhouse
- rr. Cow Houses
- s. Barn & Carpenter's Shop
- t. Schoolhouse
- u. Summer House
- w. Dairy
- xx. Kitchen Garden

This primary source can also be accessed online at:

https://www.mountvernon.org/preservation/maps/the-samuel-vaughan-plan/