Group 1: First Nations

Gabriel Furman, Notes Geographical and Historical, Relating to the Town of Brooklyn, 1824; Gabriel Furman papers, ARC.190, box 6, folder 3; Brooklyn Historical Society.

1. Much of what we learn about Native Americans comes from European documents. Does this matter?
2. Pages 5 - 6 give a brief overview of the First Nations here in Brooklyn when Europeans arrived.
3. Pages 11 - 17 contain reprinted documents from the 1600s. What political relationships do these documents describe? Can anyone buy land from the Native Americans?


1. How did the settlers and Lenape mark property boundaries?
2. What European items were traded for the land? What is Wampum?
3. What is a kijls or kills? It’s a Dutch word. Look it up using Google.
4. What are your reactions to the interactions between the natives and the settlers.