Enlarge and reproduce each of the quotes below on separate sheets of paper or sentence strips.

Orchards bore apples of incomparable sweetness and “pears larger than a fist.”

Boats crossing the bay were escorted by schools of playful whales, seals and porpoises.

Hills and fields were dyed red with ripening strawberries.
Sometimes [we] encountered such a sweet smell in the air that we stood still.

There came so fair and sweet a smell of flowers or trees from the land.

Twelve-inch oysters and six-foot lobsters crowded offshore waters, and so many fish thrived in streams and ponds that they could be taken by hand.

Travelers spoke of vast meadows of grass “as high as a man’s middle” and forest with towering strands of walnut, cedar, chestnut, maple and oak.
Every spring, hills and fields were dyed red with ripening strawberries, and so many birds filled the woods “that men can scarcely go through them for the whistling, the noise and the chattering.”

Woods and tidal marshlands teemed with bears, wolves, foxes, raccoons, otters, beavers, quail, partridge, forty-pound wild turkeys, doves “so numerous that the light can hardly be discerned where they fly,” and countless deer “feeding, or gamboling or resting in the shades in full view.”
Wild swans were so plentiful “that the bays and shores where they resort appear as if they were dressed in white drapery.”

Blackbirds roosted together in such numbers that one hunter killed 10 with a single shot; another bagged eleven sixteen-pound gray geese in the same way.