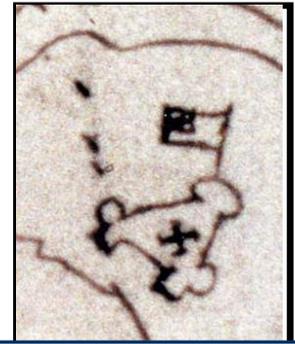


VS 3 (part 1)

Jamestown Early Years



Earliest map of Jamestown

Why did England want to colonize in America?

England wanted to establish an American colony to increase **its wealth and power** so they could compete with other European nations.

Here is how they planned on increasing England’s wealth & power:

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Jamestown 1607

Jamestown was the first permanent English settlement in North America. It was founded in 1607 as an economic venture. (To make money \$\$\$\$\$).



Jamestown was financed or paid for by the stockholders of the Virginia Company of London. (Remember...the company's goal was to make money-just like companies do today.)

❖ The King of England did not finance or pay for Jamestown. Jamestown was the **first permanent English Settlement**. There were other English settlements before Jamestown, but they did not make it. (Spain and France already had settlements in North America)

Where was Jamestown located?

In 1607, when settlers arrived, Jamestown was located on a narrow peninsula bordered on 3 sides by the James River.

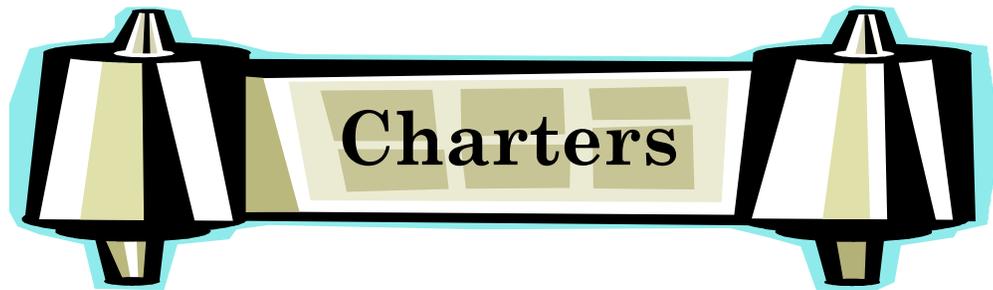
Today, Jamestown is located on an island on the James River due to the erosion of the Jamestown peninsula

How did the settlers choose the site at Jamestown?

Instructions from England told the settlers to go inland and find a suitable place for their colony. The location needed to be:

<i>easily defended from attack by sea (by the Spanish)</i>		<i>have a fresh supply of clean water</i>
	<i>have water that was</i>	

	<i>deep enough for their ships to dock</i>	
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What did the charters do for the Virginia Company of London?
(Charters are like legal permission from the king to do something)

The King of England granted charters to the Virginia Company of London to:

-  establish a settlement in North America.
-  extend **English rights** to the settlers. So the settlers would have the same rights in Jamestown as they had back in England.
-  define their physical boundaries or borders of the colony

Who was the only person with the power to grant charters?

King James



King James grants charters to the stockholders of the Virginia Company of London

What hardships did the early Jamestown settlers face?

Life in Virginia was much harder than the settlers thought it would be.

Hardships faced by the settlers



The site they chose to live on was marshy and did not have safe drinking water.

The settlers lacked some skills necessary to provide for themselves.

A drought at the time of the settlement reduced the amount of food available to everyone in Virginia.

Many settlers died of disease or starvation



What changes took place to ensure survival?

The arrival of ships bringing fresh supplies and new settlers

The forced work program and strong leadership of Captain John Smith
(You don't work...you don't eat.)

The development of new settlements away from the unhealthy environment of Jamestown

The emphasis on agriculture (the importance of growing their food)

How did the native peoples and the English settlers interact?

Captain John Smith initiated or started a trading relationship with the native peoples.

The native peoples traded mainly:

food	fur	leather
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For:

tools	pots	copper for jewelry
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How did the native peoples help Jamestown survive?



Powhatan, chief of many tribes, provided leadership to his people and taught the settlers survival skills.

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Pocahontas, the daughter of Powhatan, served as a contact between the native peoples and the English

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Native peoples showed the colonists how to plant corn and harvest tobacco.

corn	tobacco
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Over time, the native peoples realized that the English would continue to grow.

The native peoples came to see the colonist as invaders that would take over their land.

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