

Later Jamestown Study Guide  
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**Tobacco-**

- John Rolfe- he introduced a variety of tobacco that helped save the struggling colony.
- Tobacco was a cash crop- a crop grown to make money

**Virginia's Government**

**1619 The General Assembly**

There are three parts of the General Assembly. Together all three parts served as ONE legislative (law making group) body. They are:

<b>General Assembly 1619-one legislative body</b>		
<p><b>Governor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 1619 the King of England appointed (selected) a <b>Royal Governor</b> of Virginia.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Governor's Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The royal governor appointed men to serve on the <b>Governors' Council</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Burgesses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizen representatives from each division or part of Virginia called "<b>Burgesses</b>" were appointed to the General Assembly</li> </ul>

*Only free adult men had the right to take part in government*

**1640's General Assembly**

By this time the Burgesses have become a separate legislative body called the **House of Burgesses**. They met separately from the Governor's Council. The General Assembly now has TWO Legislative bodies. Together these two together were called the General Assembly

<b>1640's General Assembly-two legislative bodies</b>	
<p><b>House of Burgesses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first elected legislative body in English American giving settlers the opportunity to control their government for the first time ever</li> </ul>	<p><b>Governor's Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• appointed by the king</li> </ul>

**Today- General Assembly of Virginia dates back to 1619 –two legislative bodies**

Senate

House of Representatives

## 1619

### Arrival of Africans

The first Africans are brought to Jamestown against their will by Portuguese sailors in 1619. They came here from what today is Angola. It is unclear if they were brought here as enslaved people or indentured servants. Indentured servants had to work for a period of time and then were freed.

Their arrival made it possible to expand or grow the tobacco economy. Tobacco is a labor intensive crop and takes a lot of work to grow. Africans were a source of labor in the tobacco fields.

## 1620

### Arrival of Women

In 1620 the first “bride ship” arrived in Jamestown. It brought single women who wanted to come to Jamestown to find husbands and start families in the colony. The arrival of women made it possible for:

- settlers to start families and make Jamestown a more permanent settlement

