Jamestown TEST Study Guide (Answer Key)

**Standard VS.3a:** SWBAT to explain the reasons for English colonization.

Great Britain wanted to establish an American colony to increase its **wealth** and **power**.

Reasons for English Colonization in America:

- **Great Britain hoped to find gold and silver in America**
- **An American settlement would furnish raw materials that could not be grown or obtained in Great Britain, while open new markets for trade**

Jamestown was primarily an **economic** venture.

**Virginia Company of London** financed or paid for the settlement of Jamestown.

**Standard VS.3b:** SWBAT describe how geography influenced the decision to settle at Jamestown.

When settlers arrived in 1607, Jamestown was located on a narrow **peninsula**. Today it is located on an **island** in the James River.

Reasons for Jamestown Site Choice

- **The location could be easily defended from attack by Spanish.**
- **The water along the shore was deep enough for ships to dock.**
- **They believed they had a good supply of fresh water.**

**Standard VS.3c:** SWBAT identify the importance of the charters of the Virginia Company of London in establishing the Jamestown settlement

The **King of England** granted charters to the VA Company of London to:

- Establish a settlement in **North America**
- Extend **English rights** to the settlers.
By 1640, the burgesses became known as a separate legislative body, called the **House of Burgesses**.

**House of Burgesses**
- The House of Burgesses was the **first elected legislative body** in English America and was the **FIRST** time settlers had the opportunity to control their own government!!!
Standard VS.3e: SWBAT identify the importance of the arrival of Africans and women to the Jamestown settlement.

- The arrival of additional women made it possible for more settlers to establish **families** and a **permanent settlement at Jamestown**.
- Africans arrived in Jamestown against their will in **1619**.
- Portuguese sailors captured **African** men and women from what is present day Angola. We are unsure if they were **slaves** or **servants** in the Virginia colony.
- The arrival of Africans made it possible to expand the **tobacco economy**.

Standard VS.3f: SWBAT describe the hardships faced by the settlers at Jamestown and the changes that took place to ensure survival.

**Hardships (Challenges) Faced by Settlers**

- **The site was marshy and lacked safe drinking water.**
- **The settlers lacked some skills necessary to provide for themselves.**
- **Many settlers died from starvation and disease.**

**Changes that Ensured Survival (Helped the Settlers Survive)**

- **Arrival of supply ships**
- **Forced Work Program**
- **Strong Leadership from Captain John Smith**
- **Emphasis on self-sustaining agriculture (planting your own food)**

Standard VS.3g: SWBAT describe the interactions between the English and the native peoples including the contributions of Powhatan to the survival of the settlers.

- **Captain John Smith** initiated trading relationships with the native peoples.

- The native peoples traded mainly **food** with the English in exchange for **tools, pots**, and **copper for jewelry**.
The native people helped Jamestown by:

- **Chief Powhatan provided leadership and taught survival skills.**
- **Pocahontas, daughter of Powhatan, served as a contact between the English and the native peoples.**
- **The native peoples introduced new crops to the English, including corn and tobacco.**

Over time the native peoples realized that the English settlement would **continue to grow** and came to see the colonists as **invaders** that would take over their land.

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