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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

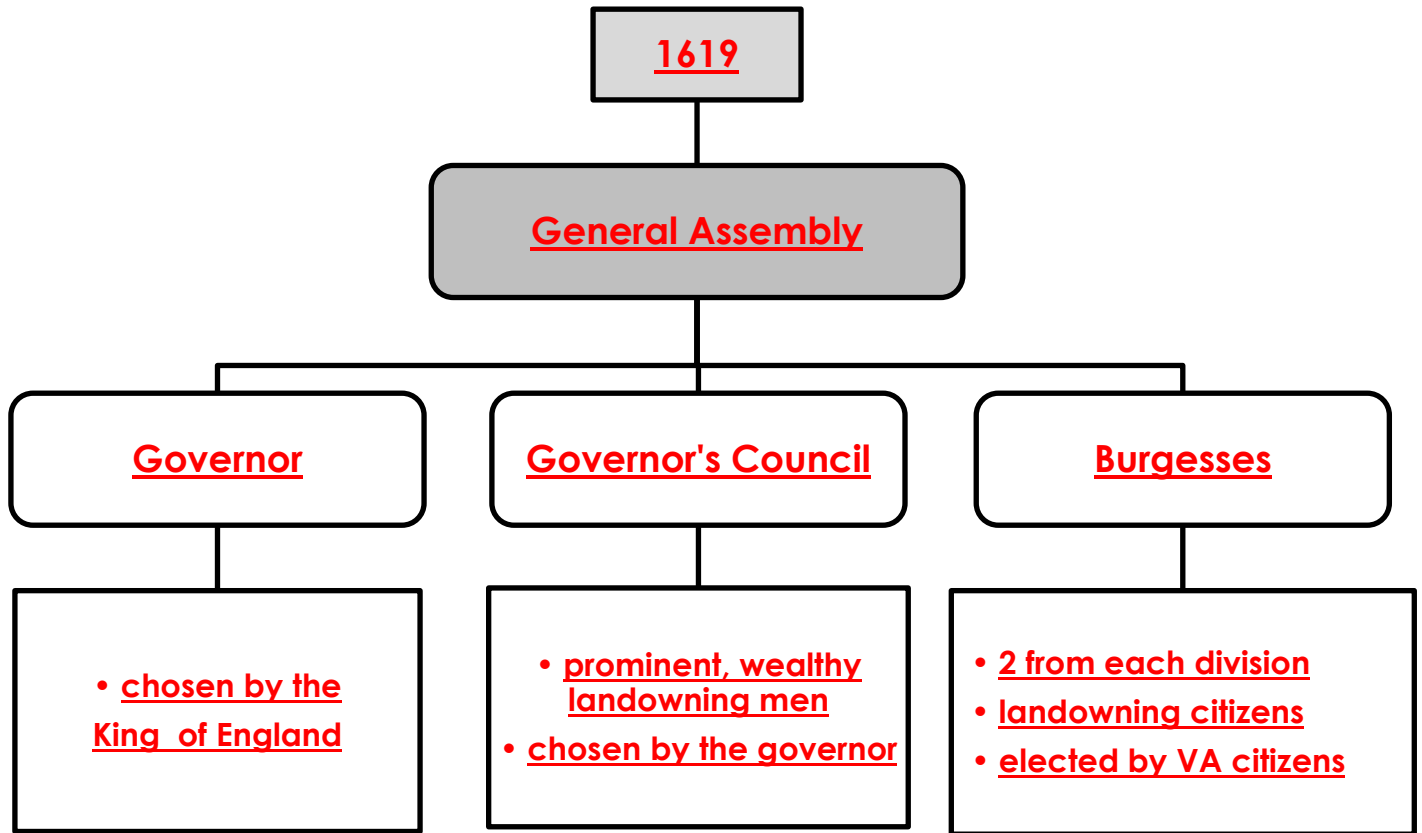
- **The location could be easily defended from attack by Spanish.**
- **The water along the shore was deep enough for ships to dock.**
- **They believed they had a good supply of fresh water.**

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.

Standard VS.3d: SWBAT identify the Importance of the General Assembly (1619) as FIRST representative legislative body in English America.



- 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!!!!
- The current Virginia General Assembly dates back to the establishment of burgesses at Jamestown in **1619**.

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 faces 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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