

Standard VS.3 Study Guide

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STANDARD VS.3A REASONS FOR COLONIZATION

Explain the reasons for English colonization

What were the reasons for English colonization in America?

Reasons for English colonization in America

Some European countries, including England, were in **competition** to increase their wealth and power by **expanding their empires** to America.

England wanted to establish an American colony to **increase her wealth and power**.

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

What were the reasons why the Jamestown settlers came to America?

The first permanent English settlement in America was Jamestown, founded in 1607 as an **economic venture**.

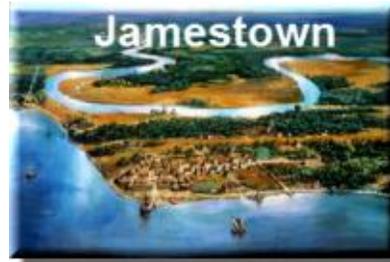
Jamestown

- Jamestown was primarily an **economic venture**.
- The **stockholders** of the Virginia Company of London financed the settlement of Jamestown.
- Jamestown

became the **first permanent English settlement** in North America in 1607.



STANDARD VS.3B GEOGRAPHY –REASON FOR LOCATION AT JAMESTOWN



How geography influenced the decision to settle at Jamestown

Where is Jamestown located?

When the settlers arrived in 1607, Jamestown was

located on a **narrow peninsula bordered on three sides by the James River**.

Today, Jamestown is located on an island in the James River. Location and physical characteristics influenced the decision to settle at Jamestown.

Why did the settlers choose the site at Jamestown?

Reasons for site choice

- The location could be **easily defended** from attack by sea (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 CHARTERS

Importance of the charters of the Virginia Company of London in establishing the Jamestown settlement.

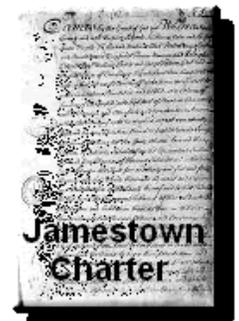
The King of England had the power to grant charters allowing settlement in North America.

What was the importance of the charters of the Virginia Company of London to the Jamestown settlement?

Importance of Virginia charters

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

- establish a settlement in North America, and
- extend English rights to the settlers.



STANDARD VS.3D GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Importance of the ~~Virginia~~ General Assembly (1619) as the first representative legislative body in English America

As Jamestown grew, the system of government evolved.

What was this system of government called?

System of government

In 1619, the governor of Virginia called a meeting of the **General Assembly**. The Assembly included two **citizen representatives** (called "**burgesses**") from each of the divisions of Virginia along with the governor's council, and the governor. They met as one legislative body. (At that time, only certain free adult men had a right to take part.)



What was the Virginia House of Burgesses, and

why was it important?

By the 1640s, the burgesses became a **separate legislative body**, called the **House of Burgesses**. They met separately from the Governor's Council as one of the two legislative bodies of the General Assembly.

~~Virginia~~ House of Burgesses

- The House of Burgesses was the **first elected legislative body** in English America giving settlers the opportunity to **control** their own government.
- The current Virginia General Assembly dates from the establishment of the House of Burgesses at Jamestown in 1619.

STANDARD VS.3E AFRICANS & WOMEN ARRIVE

Arrival of Africans and women to the Jamestown settlement

Jamestown became a **more diverse** colony by **1620**.

What was the impact of the arrival of additional women on the Jamestown settlement?

The arrival of women in 1620 made it possible for the settlers to establish **families** and a more **permanent** settlement at Jamestown.



What was the impact of the arrival

of Africans on the Jamestown settlement?

- Africans arrived in Jamestown against their will in 1619
- Portuguese sailors captured African men and women from what is present-day Angola. The status of these early African men and women as either servants or slaves in Virginia is unknown.
- The arrival of Africans made it possible to **expand** the **tobacco economy**.



STANDARD VS.3F HARDSHIPS

The hardships faced by settlers at Jamestown and the changes that took place to ensure survival.

What hardships did the Jamestown settlers face?

The English settlers found life in Jamestown harder than they had expected.

Hardships faced by the settlers

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

What changes took place that resulted in survival of the settlers?

Changes that resulted in survival

- The arrival of **supply ships**, the forced work program and strong **leadership** of **Captain John Smith**, and the emphasis on agriculture resulted in the survival of the colony

STANDARD VS.3G ENGLISH & POWHATAN

Interactions between the English settlers and the Powhatan people, including the contributions of the Powhatans to the survival of the settlers.

How did the native peoples and the English settlers interact?

- The native peoples and the English settlers at Jamestown established **trading relationships** and for a while had **positive** interactions.
- **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.



How did Powhatan contribute to the survival of the settlers?

The Powhatan people contributed to the **survival** of the **Jamestown settlers** in several ways.

- Powhatan, chief of many tribes, provided leadership to his people and taught the settlers survival skills.
- **Pocahontas**, daughter of Chief Powhatan, served as a contact between the native peoples and the English.
- The native peoples showed the settlers how to plant **corn and tobacco**.



Why did the relationship between the Jamestown settlers and the native peoples change?

- Over time, the native peoples realized the English **settlement** would continue to **grow**.
- The native peoples came to see the settlers as **invaders** who would **take over** their land.