reasons for English colonization

1. wanted to increase England's wealth and power
2. Hoped to find silver and gold
3. America had natural resources that could not be grown or obtained in England

Jamestown

1. primarily an economic venture (to make money)
2. Stockholders of the Virginia Company of London financed (paid for) the settlement of Jamestown
3. Became a permanent settlement in 1607.

Why the area was chosen for the Jamestown settlement

1. Easily defended from attack by sea (by the Spanish)
2. Water was deep enough for ships to dock
3. They believed the water supply was fresh
4. No Powhatan were living there

charter

In 1606 King of England granted a charter to the Virginia Company of London to establish a settlement in North American and extend English rights to settlers
The 3 ships that came to Jamestown:
1. Susan Constant
2. Discovery
3. Godspeed

A peninsula is an area of land surrounded by water on 3 sides.
In 1607 Jamestown was a peninsula, today it is an island in the James River.

John Smith:
1. Strong leader of Jamestown which was important to their survival
2. insisted that if you did not work, you did not eat
3. started trade with the Powhatan

Christopher Newport:
In charge of settlers when they left England on ships.
Powhatan Indians

Indians who helped the colonists survive and traded with them.

- English gave: copper, pots, and tools
- Powhatan gave: food, furs, and leather

Powhatan taught the colonists to grow corn and tobacco.

Chief Powhatan

Chief of the many tribes who taught colonists survival skills.

Pocohontas

Daughter of Chief Powhatan, she was a contact between the Indian people and the colonists.

King James I

Granted Charters to the Virginia Company.
hardships for settlers:
1. starvation
2. lacked farming and building skills
3. Salty, brackish water
4. mosquitoes that carried diseases and malaria
5. Indian attacks

reasons why Jamestown was a poor place to settle:
1. poor drinking water
2. did not ask Powhatan permission to settle at Jamestown
3. it was swampy with mosquitoes that carried diseases