

reasons for English colonization



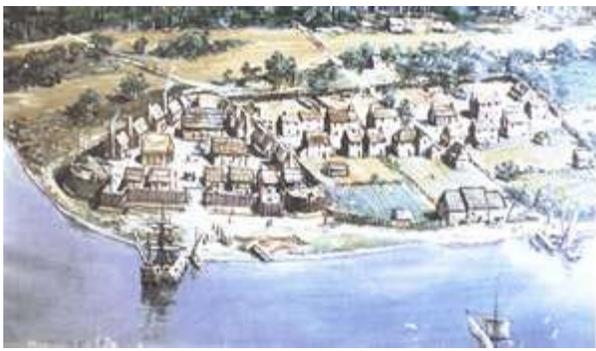
1. wanted to **increase England's wealth and power**
2. Hoped to **find silver and gold**
3. America had **natural resources that could not be grown or obtained in England**

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

VIRGINIA CHARTERS.

NUMBER I.

King JAMES I.'s LETTERS PATENT to Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, and others, for two several Colonies and Plantations, to be made in VIRGINIA, and other Parts and Territories of AMERICA. Dated April 10, 1606.

I. JAMES, by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Whereas our loving and well disposed subjects, Sir Thomas Gates, and Sir George Somers, Knights, Richard Hackluit, Clerk, Presbyterial of Welfinder, and Edward Maria Wingfield, Thomas Hazham, and Raleigh Gilbert, Esqrs. William Parker and George Popham, Gentlemen, and divers others of our loving subjects, have been humble suitors unto us, that We would vouchsafe unto them

and may in time bring the infidels and savages, living in those parts, to human civility, and to a settled and quiet government; Do, by these our letters patents, graciously accept of, and agree to, their humble and well intended desires.

IV. And do therefore, for Us, our heirs and successors, Grant and agree, that the said Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, Richard Hackluit, and Edward Maria Wingfield, adventurers of and for our city of London, and all such others, as are, or

THE CHARTER OF 1606

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

peninsula



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



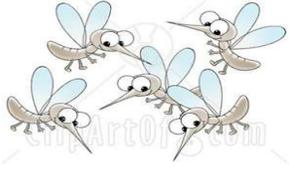
Daughter of Chief Powhatan, she **was a contact between the Indian people and the colonists**

King James I



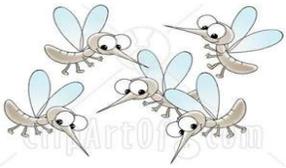
Granted Charters to the Virginia Company

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