

Why Did the English Settle in America?



In 1585
Queen _____ I of
England
sent Sir Walter _____
to begin a colony in the
New World (America).



The colonists landed on _____ Island
(off the coast of present day North Carolina).

Within a year the colonists were starving and fighting with the neighboring the
Powhatan and _____ Indians.

When an English ship stopped in the harbor, Raleigh and many of the settlers
sailed home. _____ men decided to stay behind.

Roanoke Island (Lost Colony)

In 1587, Raleigh sent more colonists to Roanoke. This time, the colonist brought their _____ and _____. They discovered that the 15 men who had stayed behind had been killed.

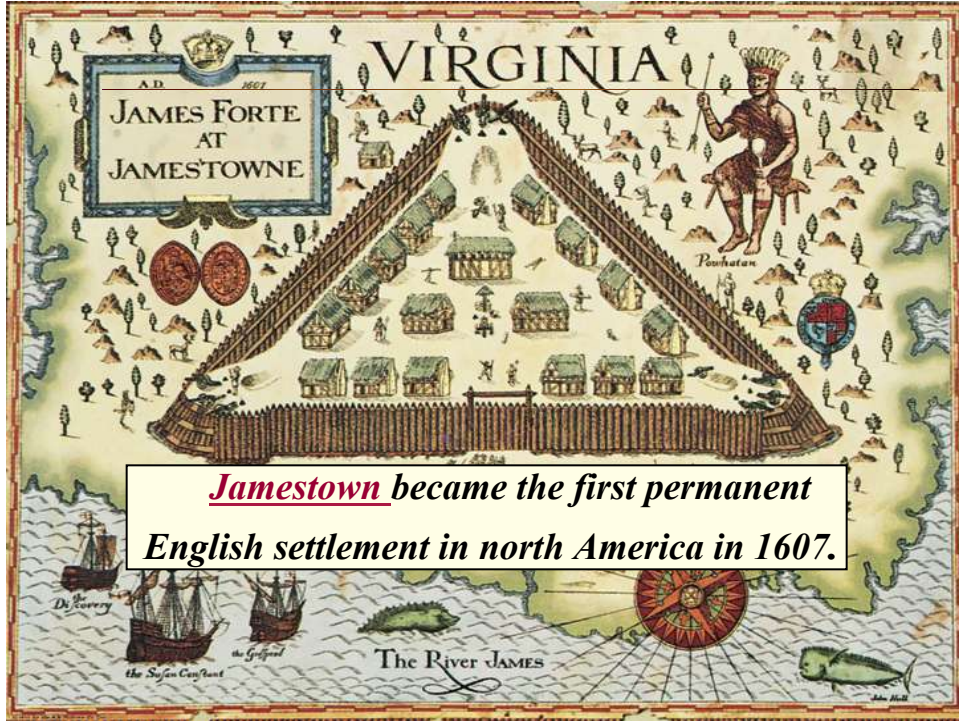
_____, the newly-arrived governor of Roanoke, determined that the men had been killed by Native Americans. He ordered his men to attack the _____ Indians, thinking they were the killers. Instead, the men attacked the _____ by mistake. These Indians had been their friends and had helped the settlers, but after the battle the Croatoans were their enemies.

All of this fighting forced John White to return to England for supplies, leaving 117 colonists behind. England and Spain then went to war and their fighting prevented White from returning for _____ years. When White finally came back to Roanoke he found that the settlers had disappeared without a trace. Today no one knows what happened to these colonists.



Fun fact: John White's granddaughter, Virginia Dare, became the first English baby born in the New World.

Jamestown Colony



Jamestown became the first permanent English settlement in north America in 1607.

20 years later King James I gave the Virginia Company the right to settle in what is now North Carolina. They named their settlement _____ after him.

The site they chose was _____ and lacked safe _____.

The settlers lacked some skills necessary to provide for themselves.

Many settlers spent more time searching for _____ than finding food.

Many settlers died of _____ and disease.

Captain John Smith



As leader of the Jamestown Colony,
Captain John Smith helped to restore order
with one simple rule:

“He that will not _____,
will not _____.”

He also initiated trading relationships with
the Powhatan Indian tribes lead by Chief
Powhatan.

However, due to an injury he left the colony
to return to England in 1609.

Pocahontas

Pocahontas, daughter of Chief Powhatan, believed the
English and American Indians could live in harmony.
Pocahontas began a friendship with the colonists that
helped them survive.



Women in Jamestown



The first women arrived in Jamestown in _____.

The Virginia company sent 100 women to help “make the men more settled.”

Living in the colonies was _____ for the women.

They had to make everything from scratch - clothing, food, and medicines.

The arrival of women made it possible for the settlers to establish _____
and made Jamestown a more _____ settlement.

The First Africans in Jamestown



It is believed the first Africans in Jamestown arrived as _____
(worked as servants for 5-7 years and were then freed).

Records show that 15 black men and women were living in the colonies.

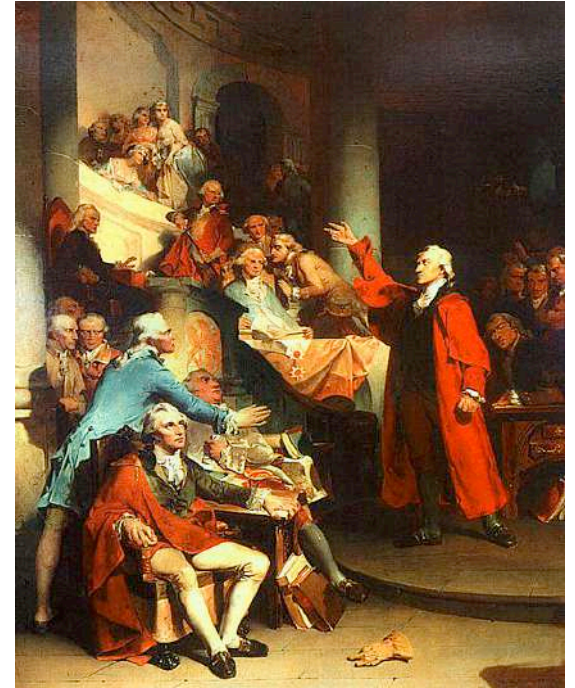
In early Virginia colonists were _____ to enslave Africans.
Africans could own land and property in Virginia.

In 1619, a Dutch ship landed in Jamestown with _____ Africans. The Dutch sold the Africans to the Virginians to help grow _____.

The Virginia House of Burgesses



The Virginia Company set up a different type of government. The new government asked settlers to give their opinion about every important decision made in the colony.



Colonists elected male representatives to the government, called _____. The burgesses met in an assembly called the _____ of _____. Together with the governor and his council, they made the laws for the colony.

The House of Burgesses marked the beginning of a _____ government. In a representative government, _____ elect representatives to make laws for them.

The Virginia house of burgesses was the _____ elected legislative body in America giving settlers the opportunity to control their own government.