

# **Virginia Studies Review**

## **VS.3 a-g**

**The student will demonstrate knowledge of the first permanent English settlement in America by:**

- a)** explaining the reasons for English colonization.
- b)** describing how geography influenced the decision to settle at Jamestown.
- c)** identifying the importance of the charters of the Virginia Company of London in establishing the Jamestown settlement.
- d)** identifying the importance of the General Assembly (1619) as the first representative legislative body in English America.
- e)** identifying the importance of the arrival of Africans and women to the Jamestown settlement.
- f)** describing the hardships faced by settlers at Jamestown and the changes that took place to ensure survival.
- g)** describing the interaction between the English settlers and the native peoples including the contributions of Powhatan to the survival of the settlers.

**VS.3 - The student will demonstrate knowledge of the first permanent English settlement in America by:**

**a) explaining the reasons for English colonization.**

<b>Questions:</b>	<b>Answers:</b>
<b>What was the first permanent English settlement in America?</b>	The first permanent English settlement in America was Jamestown, founded in 1607 as an economic venture.
<b>What were the reasons for English colonization in America?</b>	<b>Reasons for English colonization in America</b> England wanted to establish an American colony to increase her wealth and power. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• England hoped to find silver and gold in America.</li><li>• An American settlement would furnish raw materials that could not be grown or obtained in England, while opening new markets for trade.</li></ul>
<b>What were the reasons why the Jamestown settlers came to America?</b>	<b>Jamestown</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jamestown was primarily an economic venture.</li><li>• The stockholders of the Virginia Company of London financed the settlement of Jamestown.</li><li>• Jamestown became the first permanent English settlement in North America in 1607.</li></ul>

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**b) describing how geography influenced the decision to settle at Jamestown.**

<b>Questions:</b>	<b>Answers:</b>
<b>Where is Jamestown located?</b>	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
<b>Why did the settlers choose the site at Jamestown?</b>	<b>Reasons for site choice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The location could be easily defended from attack by sea (Spanish).</li><li>• The water along the shore was deep enough for ships to dock.</li><li>• They believed they had a good supply of fresh water.</li></ul>

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**c) indentifying the importance of the charters of the Virginia Company of London in establishing the Jamestown settlement.**

<b>Questions:</b>	<b>Answers:</b>
<b>Who had the power to grant charters allowing a settlement in North America?</b>	The King of Great Britain had the power to grant charters allowing settlement in North America.
<b>What was the importance of the charters of the Virginia Company of London to the Jamestown settlement?</b>	The king of England granted charters to the Virginia Company of London to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish a settlement in North America, and</li><li>• Extend English rights to the settlers</li></ul>

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**d)** identifying the importance of the General Assembly (1619) as the first representative legislative body in English America.

<b>Questions:</b>	<b>Answers:</b>
<b>What was the system of government in Virginia called?</b>	<b>System of government</b> In 1619, the governor of Virginia called a meeting of the General Assembly. The General Assembly met as one legislative body.  <b>General Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Governor</li><li>• Governor's Council</li><li>• Burgesses</li></ul>
<b>What were burgesses?</b>	Burgesses were representatives. There were <b>two</b> from each of the divisions of Virginia.
<b>Who could take part in the meeting of the General Assembly?</b>	At that time, only certain free adult men had a right to take part.
<b>When did the burgesses become a separate legislative body?</b>	By the 1640s, the burgesses became a separate legislative body, called the Virginia House of Burgesses. They met separately from the Governor's Council as one of the two legislative bodies of the General Assembly.
<b>What was the Virginia House of Burgesses, and why was it important?</b>	<b>House of Burgesses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The House of Burgesses was the first elected legislative body in English America giving settlers the opportunity to control their own government.</li><li>• The current Virginia General Assembly dates from the establishment of the House of Burgesses at Jamestown of 1619.</li></ul>

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**e)** identifying the importance of the arrival of Africans and women to the Jamestown settlement.

<b>Questions:</b>	<b>Answers:</b>
<b>What was the impact of the arrival of additional women on the Jamestown settlement?</b>	The arrival of additional women in 1620 made it possible for more settlers to establish families and a permanent settlement at Jamestown.
<b>When did Africans arrive in Jamestown?</b>	Africans arrived in Jamestown against their will in 1619.
<b>Where did the Africans come from?</b>	Portuguese sailors captured African men and women from what is present-day Angola.
<b>Were the Africans servants or slaves?</b>	The status of these early African men and women as either servants or slaves in Virginia is unknown.
<b>What was the impact of the arrival of Africans on the Jamestown settlement?</b>	The arrival of Africans made it possible to expand the tobacco economy.

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**f)** describing the hardships faced by settlers at Jamestown and the changes that took place to ensure survival.

<b>Questions:</b>	<b>Answers:</b>
<b>What hardships did the Jamestown settlers face?</b>	<b>Hardships faced by the settlers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The site they chose to live on was marshy and lacked safe drinking water.</li><li>• The settlers lacked some skills necessary to provide for themselves.</li><li>• Many settlers died of starvation and disease.</li></ul>
<b>What changes took place that resulted in survival of the settlers?</b>	<b>Changes that resulted in survival</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• arrival of two supply ships</li><li>• forced work program and strong leadership of Captain John Smith</li><li>• emphasis on self-sustaining agriculture</li></ul>

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**g)** describing the interaction between the English settlers and the native peoples including the contributions of Powhatan to the survival of the settlers.

<b>Questions:</b>	<b>Answers:</b>
<b>How did the native peoples and the English settlers interact?</b>	The native peoples and the English settlers at Jamestown established trading relationships and for a while had positive interactions.
<b>Who initiated trading relationships with the native peoples?</b>	Captain John Smith initiated trading relationships with the native peoples.
<b>What did the English settlers and the native people trade?</b>	The native peoples traded mainly food with the English in exchange for tools, pots, and copper for jewelry.
<b>How did Powhatan contribute to the survival of the settlers?</b>	<p>The native peoples contributed to the survival of the Jamestown settlers in several ways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Powhatan, chief of many tribes, provided leadership to his people and taught the settlers survival skills.</li><li>• Pocahontas, daughter of Powhatan, served as a contact between the native peoples and the English.</li><li>• The native peoples showed the settlers how to plant corn and tobacco.</li></ul>
<b>Why did the relationship between the Jamestown settlers and the native peoples change?</b>	<p>Over time, the native peoples realized the English settlement would continue to grow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The native peoples came to see the settlers as invaders who would take over their land.</li></ul>