Jamestown, founded in **1607** in present-day Virginia, was the first permanent English settlement in North America. Here are key events and developments during its early years:

1. **Founding of Jamestown (1607)**: The Virginia Company of London sponsored the expedition. Led by Captain **John Smith**, 104 settlers established the colony near the James River.
2. **The "Starving Time" (1609-1610)**: A harsh winter coupled with poor relations with the Powhatan Confederacy led to severe food shortages. Of the original settlers, only about 60 survived.
3. **John Smith’s Leadership**: Smith imposed strict discipline and established trade with the Powhatan Confederacy, led by Chief Powhatan, which helped the colony survive initially.
4. **Introduction of Tobacco Cultivation (1612)**: **John Rolfe** began cultivating tobacco, which became a profitable cash crop and ensured the colony's economic survival.
5. **Pocahontas and Relations with Powhatan**: The marriage of John Rolfe and **Pocahontas**, Chief Powhatan’s daughter, in **1614** helped establish a temporary peace between the settlers and the Powhatan Confederacy.
6. **First Representative Assembly (1619)**: The Virginia House of Burgesses was established, marking the beginning of self-government in the colonies.
7. **Arrival of the First African Slaves (1619)**: A Dutch ship brought African slaves to Jamestown, marking the beginning of slavery in English North America.
8. **Conflict with Powhatan Confederacy**: Periodic hostilities arose, including the **1622 massacre**, in which Native Americans killed around 350 settlers in retaliation for expanding settlements.