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## History Test 1: Planting Colonial Seeds

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Circle the best answer.

1. What were the first English settlers expecting to find when they arrived in Virginia?
  - a. Good farmland
  - b. Gold
  - c. A waterway passage to China
  - d. All of the above
2. Who was Powhatan?
  - a. A Jamestown settler
  - b. A great Indian leader
  - c. A translator for the settlers
  - d. A fierce Indian warrior
3. What was the most important food to Powhatan's people?
  - a. Wheat
  - b. Fish
  - c. Corn
  - d. Tomatoes
4. What was the prophecy (warning) five to Powhatan by his priests?
  - a. His people would die of disease
  - b. His people would be destroyed by people from the east
  - c. His people would be attacked by the English
  - d. His people would become friends with their enemy
5. Which is not a name of one of the ships landed at Jamestown?
  - a. Mayflower
  - b. Discovery
  - c. Susan Constant
  - d. Godspeed
6. How did the Englishmen who arrived in 1607 decide who their leader would be?
  - a. They fought it out
  - b. John Smith declared himself leader right away
  - c. The London Company picked council members and those people choose from among themselves
  - d. They took a vote from all settlers

Fill in the blanks with the correct information. (1 point each)

1. John Smith became the leader of Jamestown when he was 28 years old.
2. By May 1610, only 60 of the 500 Jamestown settlers were still alive.
3. When John Smith and the other men reached the rapids in Richmond they thought they had found the Pacific Ocean.
4. Jamestown was named for King James.

Name two reasons why Jamestown was a bad location to settle.

1. one reason was there were Mosquitos
2. The second reason was the water was bad

List two things that caused 1607 Europeans to be afraid.

1. one thing was a comet
2. The second thing was Spain was bankrupt

True or False- If the statement is true, write T. If the statement is false, write F and rewrite the part of the sentence that needs correction. (2 points each)

1. T Religious discoveries caused people to question their traditional way of life.

2. F A younker was a young farm hand.

3. F Christopher Newport was a privateer.

4. F When the English first arrived the gentlemen were hard workers.

Describe what happened during the Starving Time. Discuss both the causes and consequences. (5 pts.)

In the winter of 1609-1610 it was called the Starving Time. It was one of the most awful times in American history. There were many factors that contributed to the starving of the colonists. One factor was because the Indians laid siege to Jamestown by not letting them leave and not letting them eat. Another factor was that John Smith underestimated the food supply.

There were also more people coming and that meant more mouths to feed. In order to survive they were forced to eat animals from the stockade. Some men were able to escape but they were never heard from again. Finally in May 1610, of the 500 people who were in Jamestown only 60 remained.



In what ways were the first English colonists unprepared for life in Jamestown? Provide examples (5 pts)

The first English colonists that went to Jamestown were rich gentlemen that did not have to work for their money. It is because of their lifestyles that there were many ways that they were unprepared for life in Jamestown. They did not know how to work, so they were incompetent at the work they had to do. There were no farmers, so there was no one that knew how to grow food. They were also not used to the very hot and very cold weather. Other factors that made them incompetent were that they were very vain, lazy, and they fought constantly.

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## Part 1 Study Guide

Use your book, notes and handouts to complete this study guide. Your answers do not need to be in complete sentences.

### Chapter 1

1. What caused Europeans to feel afraid in 1607?

In 1607 Halley's

Comet caused the Europeans to feel afraid.

2. What was happening that caused people to question their traditional way of life?

One change that caused people to question their traditional way of life was that their religion kept changing. The second change is the government in Spain was bankrupt. The third change was the queen was dead and no one knew where England was heading.

### Chapter 2

1. Who lead the 1607 sea voyage to Virginia?

Christopher Newport

2. What were the English looking for in Virginia?

lead the 1607 sea voyage to Virginia.  
The English were looking for gold in Virginia and a river or passage to China.

3. How many people were on the voyage? Did they all stay?

144 people were on the voyage. They all stayed. 105 men + boys.

### Chapter 3

1. Who was Powhatan? Describe him.

brave smart rich

Powhatan was the North American Indian leader and a father to his daughter. 100 wives, 9,000 subjects.

2. What food items were important to the Powhatans?

The food items that were important to Powhatans were corn, beans, squash, pumpkins, fish, nuts, berries, racoons, opossums, squirrels, turkeys, rabbits, and deer.

3. What did Powhatan's priests warn him about?

The Powhatan's priests warned him that his mighty empire would one day be destroyed by men from the east.



#### 4. Chapter 4

1. What did John Smith think he found in modern day Richmond?

John Smith thought he found the Western coast and the Pacific Ocean. They soon discovered that the

2. Describe how the gentlemen acted regarding work. Did John Smith tolerate this?

The gentlemen had no training or taste for hard work. Captain John Smith was a hardworking man and expected everyone else to do the same. waves were caused by reefs.

3. Describe how the early leaders were selected.

The early leaders were selected by the London

company. if you didn't work you didn't eat. Incomplete. Nozyvdin thought among themselves.

4. What ships did the Jamestown colonists travel on to Virginia?

The three ships were the Susan Constant, the Discovery, and the Godspeed.

5. Why was Jamestown a bad location to settle? List several reasons.

One reason was because the land was swampy. The second reason was that the drinking water was bad. The third reason was the mosquitoes carried malaria germs.

6. Who was Jamestown named after?

Jamestown was named after King James I.

#### Chapter 5

1. List some biographical information about John Smith.

John Smith sold his school books and running away to sea. He also was sold to a Turkish woman who sold him to another person. This time John killed his master.

2. What did John Smith and the Powhatans trade?

John Smith trades  
English goods, boatloads of corn, axes, shovels,  
and blankets.

#### Chapter 6

**Essay Question Prep:** Be able to discuss what led to the starving time, what happened during the starving time and what some of the results were. Take notes here.

- bad leadership
- 60 out of 500 survived
- food shortage / men ate animals from stockade
- Indians laid siege
- John Smith was gone / most strong leader

**Essay Question Prep:** Be able to write a paragraph that discusses how the first English colonists were unprepared for life in Jamestown. Use complete sentences that explain 4 - 5 ways they were unprepared. Take notes here.

- Gentlemen mostly went to Jamestown
- Not use to work, didn't know how to work
- Vain / lazy fought among themselves

Write a brief definition for the following terms:

yeoman

A yeoman is a small farmer who cultivated his own land.

privateer

A privateer was a pirate with a government license.

yunker

A yunker is a young boy who climbs the ship's mast and helps with rigging.

incompetent

Lacking the qualities needed for effective action. Also incapable.

stockade

A stockade is a barrier that is an enclosure of tall walls. Also keep animals trapped.

siege

A siege is a military operation in which enemy forces surround a town. Also means kept them captive and wouldn't let them leave.

Also soldiers surrounding a town.

to attack a town.