

Jamestown, VA Colony-Guided Notes

Follow along as we watch videos or lecture/discuss the Jamestown colony. The key names and answers must be filled in the following blanks to complete the notes.

1. Jamestown, VA was first established in 1607 and named after King James I. This became the first permanent English settlement.
2. Virginia Company (stock) funded the colonization effort; they invested in settling the colony in hopes of finding gold.
3. Settlers came ill-prepared as they struggled with food supply, unusually cold winters, and the Powhatan Indians.
4. John Smith brought leadership to the colony as he made peace with Chief Powhatan and his daughter, Pocahontas.
5. This leader's quote, "He that will not work shall not eat," helped give the colony temporary strength. Settlers were forced to farm/work for a living.
6. Things were calmer in Jamestown until John Smith was forced to go home due to injury. George Percy became the colony's governor.
7. Under this governor's leadership, the settlers clashed with the Indians and were trapped inside their fort. Many settlers died from illness or starvation in 1609-1610...this was called the "Starving Time."
8. There were less than 100 settlers left, and had turned on each other. With the assistance of Lord de La Warr and John Rolfe, the colony was rescued.
9. John Rolfe introduced a new type of tobacco from the West Indies that had a unique scent; settlers grew this and made this Jamestown's big export. He also married Pocahontas, bringing longer peace.
10. Jamestown continued to grow and briefly became Virginia's capital; it became Williamsburg in the late 1600s. Virginia also became a royal colony.



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