

# 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



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.

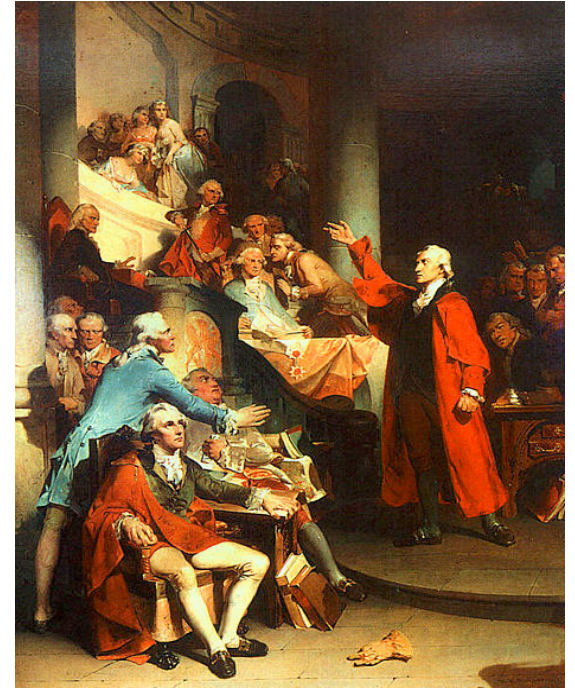
In early Virginia colonists were \_\_\_\_\_ to enslave Africans.  
Africans could own land and property in Virginia.

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.