PrepUS History

Unit 1 – The Colonial Era

Roanoke and Jamestown Reading Questions

As you read the packed entitled “Roanoke and Jamestown,” highlight the portions of the text that answer each of the following questions and then mark each piece of highlighted text with the associated number.

The questions appear in the same order as they do in the text.

1. What country, Queen, and explorer were involved in sending the first settlers to Virginia?

2. Why did the first settlers at Roanoke return to England?

3. Who was the first English child born in North America?

4. Why did John White return to England?

5. Why didn’t John White return immediately from England to Roanoke?

6. What do you think happened to the Roanoke colonists?

7. What is a charter?

8. What is a joint-stock company?

9. How did the owners of the Virginia Company think they would make money on their investment?

10. Who forced the settlers of Jamestown to work?

11. Who helped the colonists?

12. What was the “starving time?”

13. What crop made money for the Virginia Company?

14. Why are John Rolfe and Pocahontas important?

15. What was the headright system?

16. Who did the burgesses represent?

17. Why was the House of Burgesses important?