

Virtual Tour of Jamestown

You are about to take a virtual tour of Jamestown, the site of the first permanent English settlement in America. Explore the website to find the answers to the questions below. This site provides a wealth of information, demonstrations and video clips, however, go to the areas listed below first. If you finish early, feel free to fully explore the other sections of the website, including the Powhatan village, Werowocomoco. To access the website, google search *Jamestown National Geographic*; the first result should take you to the website or access the link from the Links section on our Edline page. *You do not need to answer in complete sentences.*

Exploring the New World

Ocean Crossing

◆*The First Jamestown Voyage 1606-07*

1. Where did the colonists first make landfall in mainland North America on April 26, 1607?
2. How many miles did the colonists sail from Blackwell, England to mainland North America?

Mapping

◆*Virginia Before and After Jamestown*

3. How many Indians remained in the area of the Jamestown settlement 60 years after the original colonization?
4. Why did the Indians leave the area?

Water Trail

◆*Where Time Stands Still: New World Vistas*

5. What did scientists learn from studying growth rings in bald cypress trees along the Chesapeake Bay?

Life and Death in Jamestown

The Settlers

◆*Who Were the Colonists?*

6. What were three reasons why the original colonists left England to settle in Jamestown?

Africans at Jamestown

7. What series of events caused the first slave ship to arrive at Jamestown in 1619?

Biographies

◆*John Rolfe*

8. What was important about the English cargo vessel *Elizabeth* when it set sail from Jamestown on June 28, 1613?

Explore the Fort –

The Fort Over Time

9. In 1607, Jamestown settlers buried their dead inside the walls of the fort. Why?

10. What buildings were built in the center of the fort in 1608?

11. What people lived in the two story buildings constructed in Jamestown in 1610?

A Fort Reveals its Secrets

Military Fort

◆*Musket Firing Demonstration*

12. According to John Smith, how many firearms did the early colonists have? What was the advantage of the firearm over the bow and arrow?

Governing

◆*Strachey Ring*

13. Who was William Strachey and why is he important to the world of literature?

The Well

◆*Digging the Well*

14. What two types of animal remains found at the bottom of the old well are currently being studied by Virginia scientists?

15. At the bottom of the well, archaeologists found a ceremonial battle ax called a Halberd. The tip of this Halberd had been bent. Why do archeologists speculate that this was done?

The Dig

◆*North Corner of the James Fort*

16. What do archaeologists hope to find as they dig towards the center of the original fort?

Surviving in the New World

Industry

◆*Attempts at Industry*

17. Tools discovered by archaeologists indicate that the colonists were engaged in what types of industry (list 3)?

Indian Trade

◆*Trade Beads*

18. Why (two reasons) were the blue beads brought by the settlers so valuable to the Indians?

What's Cooking?

Cooking at Jamestown

19. In what ways (2 ways) did the colonists use the "box turtles" at Jamestown?

Impact of Colonization

Impact of Honeybees 20. What did the natives call honeybees? _____

Feral Pig Problem 21. What was the only animal that Indians domesticated? _____