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Evaluation of Primary Source Documents -

Descriptions of Native people in the watercolor paintings of John White and the book *A Briefe and True Report of the New Found Land of Virginia* by Thomas Hariot

Refer to your observations on the sources to answer the questions below. See model answer.

Do you detect any bias in White's paintings of the Natives? What do you think White thought of the Native people he was encountering?

- Offer two pieces of specific evidence from the drawings and captions to support your answer.

Do you detect and bias in Hariots descriptions of the Natives? What do you think Harriot thought of the Native people he was encountering?

- Offer two pieces of specific evidence from the treatise to support your answer.

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What might the Native people have thought of Hariot's commentaries on their lives? Be sure to explain why you think this.

What would possible settlers from England viewing the images and reading Hariot's *Report* have thought about the Natives they would encounter if they came to settle in Virginia?

- Think about what they might be surprised by, upset by, concerned about, familiar with, judgmental about, etc.

Write a journal entry as if you were one of these settlers about to land in Virginia. Be sure there are at least three obvious connections to your observations.

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Form of Answer

Indent

- **Topic sentence -**
 - respond to question
 - use wording of question
 - state main idea
- **Supporting Idea - Reason stated**
 - **Evidence from source provided that prove reason true**
 - **Explanation of how that evidence proves reason true**
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- **Concluding Thought - Does not repeat**

Model Answer

Based on an excerpt from diary of one of the first settlers of the Jamestown colony

Satterday we passed a few short reaches; and . 5. mile of Poore Cottage we went a shore. Heer we found our kinde Comrades againe, who had gyven notice all along as they came of us: by which we were entertayned with much Courtesye in every place. We found here a Wiroans (for so they call their kynges) who satt vpon a matt of Reedes, with his people about him: He casued one to be layd for Captain Newport, gave vs a Deare roasted; which accor ding to their Custome they seethed againe: His people gaue Vs mullberyes, sodd wheate and beanes, and he caused his weomen to make Cakes for Vs. He gaue our Captaine his Crowne which was of Deares hayre dyed redl. Certifying him of our intentyon vp the Ryver, he was willing to send guydes with vs.

This settler displays a positive bias toward the natives. He chooses flattering words to describe the natives. He calls them “kind Comrades” and says they were shown “courtesy.” These are not neutral terms. The word “kind” express an opinion that the Natives are the type to seek to do good acts for others. The word “Comrades” expresses the idea that the Natives are trusted companions who they share experiences with. The word “courtesy” means that they were treated very politely. He gives many examples of their actions to prove their friendliness. He says they gave the captain a mat to sit on and placed the chief’s headdress on his head. He describes all the food given to the men. He also says that the Natives would serve as their guides. People only record things in their journal that they want remembered, so this man must feel it is important to record the fact that the Natives had been friendly to them when they first arrived.