

## Grading Sheet - Group Paragraph - Causes of High Death Rate in Jamestown

**Prompt - Why did so many of the early settlers of Jamestown die?**

Write a **paragraph** stating the conclusions you have drawn from the evidence provided.

## Format for Paragraph

- Topic Sentence
    - Responds to prompt
    - States main Idea
    - Clear
      - Reason given
        - Evidence provided
          - Source clear - by name or description, not number
          - Accurate
          - Strong
        - Explanation of how this evidence proves this reason
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- Concluding Thought
  - Does not repeat
  - A thoughtful comment on the difficulty of starting a colony

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- Topic Sentence and Concluding Thought
- Three Reasons Given - Each a cause of the high rate of death
- Evidence
- Explanation of how evidence proves stated cause of death
- Conventions
  - Structure
  - Paragraph indented
  - Full Sentences - begin with capital letter, end with end punctuation, no fragments, no run-ons
  - Few if any spelling errors
  - Few if any capitalization errors
  - Correct tense used - discuss historical events in the past tense
  - In third person - no I, we, you
  - Avoid unclear pronouns - it? What? They? who?

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