



Jamestown

What caused so many people to die?

An Investigation

Examination of the Evidence

Having had a chance to look over a map showing where the settlers chose to start the colony of Jamestown and read of the dramatic death rate of the colony, you will examine evidence of possible causes.

You and your partners will examine the following evidence, carefully noting key points you observe in each and noting what reasons for the death rate those points indicate.

1. “Jamestown’s Environment” - from the Center for Archeological Research
2. “The Lost Colony and Jamestown Droughts” by David W. Stahle
3. The First and Second Jamestown Ship Lists
4. Description of the Results of Francis West’s Trading for Corn with the Powhatan Natives
5. Chronology of English Mortality in Virginia 1606-1610

In the end, your group will consider its findings and will pose its answer to our question.

We will share these answers and compile our causes, then see how our thoughts stand up to those of some known authorities on the subject.

Evidence from Source #1- "Jamestown's Environment" - from the Center for Archeological Research

Key Points observed in this Evidence	Reasons for so many deaths that this evidence points to

Do we have any reservations concerning this source?

Evidence from Source #2 - "The Lost Colony and Jamestown Droughts" by David W. Stahle

Key Points observed in this Evidence	Reasons for so many deaths that this evidence points to

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Evidence from Source #3 - The First and Second Jamestown Ship Lists

Key Points observed in this Evidence	Reasons for so many deaths that this evidence points to

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Evidence from Source #4 -Description of the Results of Francis West's Trading with the Powhatan

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Evidence from Source #5 - Chronology of English Mortality in Virginia 1606-1610

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