

Notes - Jamestown - Map and Background Reading**Ideas from the Map of Jamestown**

Examine the map showing the location of Jamestown.

<p>Bullet some details that describe the location of Jamestown.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Detail - On the James River, which is the first river into the mainland after the entrance to Chesapeake Bay ● Detail - about 50 miles upriver from the mouth just after a major bend in the river that would prevent a ship coming up the river from seeing the settlement until it made the turn of the bend ● Detail - on a peninsula ● Detail - on the north side of the river between to James River and the York River
<p>Why might the English have chosen this location?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Being into Chesapeake Bay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ would protect them from the weather ● Being upriver 50 miles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ might mean the river has fresh water, not brackish ● Being upriver 50 miles and past the severe bend in the river <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ would mean the settlement would not be seen by attacking ships coming up the river until the ship had rounded the bend and the ships would be vulnerable to attack as they made that turn ● Being on the peninsula <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ would mean that attack from land could only come from the one side
<p>What evidence is there that the English settlers expected trouble?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The strategic placement of Jamestown ● The forts ● The placement of the forts at the mouth of the river
<p>Where did they seem to expect the trouble to come from?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They seemed to expect the danger to come from the ocean because ● Of the placement of the settlement so far upriver ● The placement of the settlement just upriver from the bend ● The fact that they built so many forts
<p>From whom do you think they thought the trouble would come?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Spanish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The forts protect the mouth of the river ○ Their major enemy out in the world ● Not the Powhatans ● Would not have gone so far up river into Powhatan territory if worried, as there they were surrounded

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<p>Questions</p>	<p>Notes Main Idea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subdetail • Detail • Detail </p>
<p>Describe the beginning of the first English settlement.</p> <p>How had the land been describe to those who came?</p> <p>What motivated England to seek a colony?</p> <p>What dangers were involved in starting a colony?</p> <p>Describe Natives in the area.</p> <p>Describe the first years at Jamestown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beginning in Spring 1607? - By December 1607. - In January 1608. - 1609 <p>Describe majority of people who come during that time?</p>	<p>Jamestown - first permanent English settlement in North America</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First group • 100 • Spring 1607 • Had strong group of English investors <p>Description of land included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freshwater streams seen along river banks • “Fair meadows” • “Goodly tall trees” <p>English motivated by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible riches • Natives to convert to Christianity • A possible route to China <p>Dangers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish warships • Failure of Roanoke colony • Disappearance of Roanoke settlers <p>But considered acceptable risk</p> <p>Native Population - Powhatan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population - 15,000 • Loosely ruled by a great chief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ His daughter was Pocahontas • Lived in small villages <p>Terrible Conditions in Jamestown 1607 - 1611</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 1607 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 110 settlers arrive ○ built fort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ on James Island - ■ though only an island at high tide • by December - 70 dead, only 40 alive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resupply ship arrives in January ○ Saves colony from total failure • Hard times for two years • 1609 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John Smith sent back to England ○ that winter of 1609-1610 - 2/3rds die • People keep coming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Men Women, and children ○ Vast majority - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 17-35

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<p>How do a select few find success?</p> <p>Describe the death rate from 1607-1611.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Poor■ Hoping to \work off debt■ One day own land○ Only a few find success<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ arrived with money■ by growing tobacco● By 1611 - of the 500 who had arrived since 1607 - 80% dead
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