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**Jamestown Document Analysis:**

**What caused colonists to die in Jamestown?**

**Purpose:**

Answer to the question - "What caused the colonists to die at Jamestown?"

**Procedure:**

* You will be given a reading with background information on the Jamestown colony that describes an unexplained high death rate as the colony begins.
* Documents on Jamestown have been prepared for you to examine.
* You will be assigned to a group of 3 or 4 students.
* Each group will start with a different document.
* The group will have a set amount of time to examine each document and note their thoughts on a record sheet.
* For each document the group will do the following:
  + **Prepare to learn from the Document**: Jot down a bulleted list of any information given about the document
  + **Observe the Document**: Identify and Note Small Details
  + **Access the Source of the Document**
  + **Note anything the group thinks it can learn from the document to answer the question:** What caused colonists to die at Jamestown?
* After analyzing each document, the group will rank the documents from most helpful to least helpful.
* Finally, the group will write a paragraph stating and explaining what it has come to believe are the three most important reasons the colonists died as they struggled to start the colony of Jamestown.
* The group will hand in:
  + The group's record sheet for each document:
  + The group's paragraph stating the answer the answer to the question that their investigation has led them to.
* Each student will also receive a discussion grade for his or her work with his or her group.
* **Please note** -
  + Anyone whose discussion grade falls below a 7 will be warned.
  + If that person's participation in their group's discussion does not improve, he or she will be removed from the group and will need to complete the analysis of the documents and the paragraph on his or her own.
  + I will call a meeting with parents to go over what the student needs in order to successfully participate with a group in the future.

**Homework** – Read the attached background information on Jamestown, the first permanent British settlement in North America.