

## Jamestown Review Sheet

- 1. Why did the English want to colonize America?**
  - a. To increase their wealth/to find gold
  - b. To open new markets for trade
  - c. To provide raw materials that were not found in England
- 2. Who financed/sponsored the settlement (provided ships and supplies) at Jamestown?** The stockholders of the Virginia Company of London
- 3. Where was the first permanent English settlement in North America? When was it founded?** Jamestown, in 1607
- 4. Where did the English first settle in Virginia?** The Coastal Plain region
- 5. Why did the English choose the Jamestown site as the location for their settlement?**
  - a. It had good drinking water
  - b. The water was deep enough to dock their ships
  - c. It could be easily defended from Spanish attacks
  - d. The VA Company of London provided instructions for locating a site.
- 6. Who granted the VA Company of London a charter to colonize North America?** King James I (the King of England)
- 7. Why was the charter important?**
  - a. It gave colonists/settlers the same rights as English citizens.
  - b. It gave the VA Company the right to establish a settlement in North America.
  - c. It established companies to begin colonies in the New World.
- 8. What types of hardships did the colonists face at Jamestown?**
  - a. They lacked the skills to provide for themselves
  - b. They were suffering from starvation and disease
  - c. They did not have good drinking water.
  - d. They were threatened by Indian attacks.
- 9. What was the result of these hardships? (You must answer in a complete sentence!)** many colonists died, the colony struggled for survival
- 10. Who was a strong leader for Jamestown and ensured the colony's survival?** Captain John Smith
- 11. Who became friends with the colonists, helped them survive and served as a contact between the natives and English?** Pocahontas, the daughter of Chief Powhatan

- 12. How did the Powhatan Indians begin to view the colonists?** As greedy invaders interested in taking over their land. The Indians felt uneasy because their land was being taken.
- 13. Jamestown was originally a peninsula, but due to erosion over time, what type of land form is it now?** An island, an area of land surrounded by water on all sides.
- 14. How did the Powhatan people help the colonists survive?**
- By trading food, furs, and leather to them.
  - Introduce new crops, like corn and tobacco
- 15. Who was the leader of the Powhatan people? In which region did they live?** Chief Powhatan, Coastal Plain region
- 16. In what town did Chief Powhatan, an Indian leader, live in 1607?**  
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- 17. What items did the English trade to the Powhatans?** copper, pots and tools.
- 18. Why is Archaeology important?**
- It helps people understand the past
  - It gives evidence of how and where people lived
  - It gives clues about how various peoples and cultures (English, Africans, and Indians) interacted together.
- 19. What changes helped Jamestown colonists survive?**
- Capt. John Smith's strong leadership
  - The colonists became self-sustaining through **agriculture (farming)** (grew crops, hunting, etc)
  - Arrival of supply ships
- 20. Jamestown was an "economic venture". What does this mean? Its purpose was to make money.**
- 21. Know the sequence of events below:**
- English settle at Jamestown
  - John Smith trades with Natives
  - John Rolfe developed a mild form of tobacco
- 22. What is the natural border between the Piedmont Region and Coastal Plain Region?** The Fall Line
- 23. Which language did the Powhatan Indians speak?** Algonquian