

Jamestown Review Sheet

- 1. Why did England want to establish a colony in America?**
 - a. To increase its wealth and power
 - b. To find gold and silver in Virginia
 - c. To send raw materials to 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 Europeans 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 extended English rights to the settlers.
 - 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 a peninsula in 1607, 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 native peoples in the Coastal Plain Region?**
Chief Powhatan
- 16. What town was used by the Powhatan leadership in 1607?**
Werowocomco
- 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 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 (be able to identify on a map)
- 23. Which language did the Powhatan Indians speak?** Algonquian