

Jamestown

SOLs: VS.2 f; VS.3 a, b, c, f, g

Motivations (why did England want to settle in Virginia?)

- an **economic venture**, or a way to make money
- to increase England's wealth and power
- to find silver and gold
- to furnish raw materials that could not be grown in England, while opening new trade markets

Motivations (why did England choose Jamestown?)

- settlers were instructed to go inland and find a suitable place
- location could be easily defended from the Spanish
- water was deep enough for ships to dock
- settlers believed they had a good supply of fresh water

Jamestown

- financed by the **stockholders** of the **Virginia Company of London**
- first permanent English settlement in America
- settlers arrived in 1607
- located on a narrow **peninsula** (water bordered on 3 sides)
- because of erosion, it is now an island on the James River

Charter

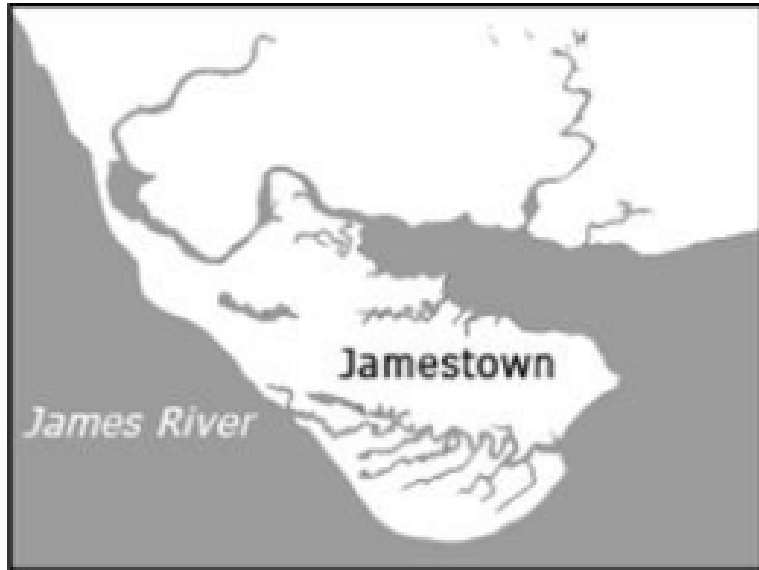
- granted to the **Virginia Company of London** from the King of England
- gave **permission** to establish a settlement in North America
- extended **English rights** to settlers

Changes made for survival

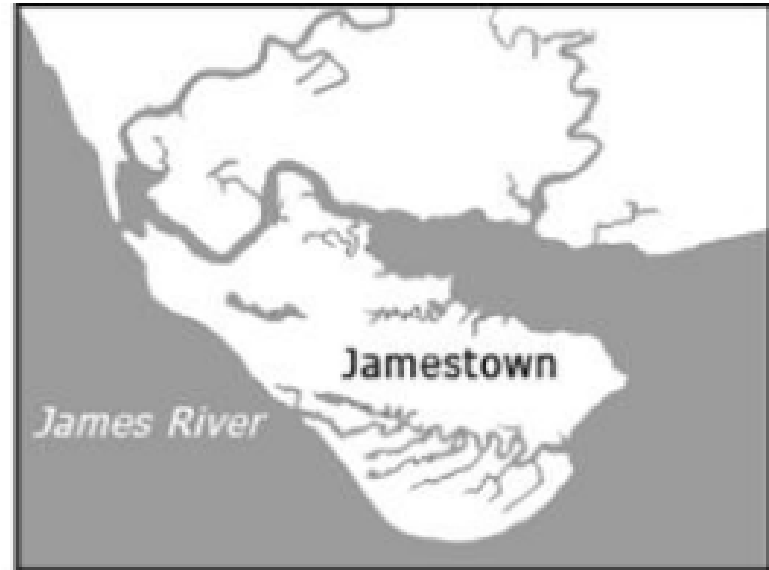
- arrival of **supply ships**
- forced **work** program
- strong leadership of **Captain John Smith**
- emphasis on **agriculture** (farming/crops)

Hardships

- the **site** they chose to live on was **marshy** (swampy) and lacked **safe drinking water**
- settlers lacked **survival skills**, necessary to provide for themselves
- many settlers **died** of starvation and disease



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