

Unit 4: Colonial Virginia Study Guide

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Key Terms

Term	Definition
House of Burgesses	the first elected legislative body in English America
Virginia General Assembly	the current Virginia General Assembly dates from the establishment of the House of Burgesses in 1619
Angola	The first Africans in Virginia were captured by Portuguese sailors in what is now present-day Angola
Cash crop	A crop that is grown to sell for money rather than for use by the growers
Slaves	People brought to the colony against their will and used as an inexpensive source of labor in the Virginia colony. They were not free to leave and were owned by the planters
Barter	Trading/exchanging of goods and services without the use of money

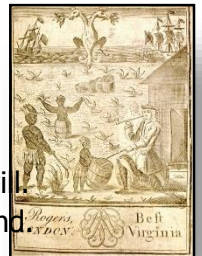
Reasons why the capital was moved from Jamestown to Williamsburg

- Drinking water was contaminated by seepage of salt water.
- Unhealthy living conditions caused diseases.
- Fire destroyed wooden and brick buildings in Jamestown.

Key Facts

AFRICANS

- Africans were brought by Portuguese sailors from Angola Africa in 1619. These people were indentured servants/slaves (status of original Africans is unknown), but soon they were kept as slaves. Men, women and children were brought to Virginia against their will.
- Slaves provided inexpensive labor and allowed agriculture (tobacco production) to expand. The colony became dependent upon slave labor.



WOMEN AND HOME LIFE



- Around 100 single women arrived in the colony in 1620. They married, established families and made the colony more permanent.
- There were no banks in Virginia and few people used money. Barter and credit were common.
- Food was limited and clothes were made at home from linen, cotton and leather.
- Most people lived in one room houses with dirt floors. A few lived on large plantations with big houses.



GOVERNMENT IN VIRGINIA

- The current General Assembly dates back to **1619**.

- The original General Assembly was made up of the Governor, his council and representatives called Burgesses.
- The House of Burgesses was the first elected legislative body in English America.
- House of Burgesses became a separate house in 1640.
- Only adult free men could take part in the elections.

Where did various cultural groups settle?

English	Coastal Plain (Tidewater) and Piedmont Regions
Germans and Scots-Irish	Shenandoah Valley
Africans	Coastal Plain (Tidewater) and Piedmont Regions
American Indians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before the settlers, they lived throughout Virginia. • After the settlers, most were forced inland. • They were mainly located in areas of the Coastal Plain, Piedmont, and Appalachian Plateau Regions.

Virginia Indians - all throughout Virginia at various times

Economic Terms

Money	Currency which includes coins and paper bills
Barter	Trading/exchanging of goods and services without the use of money
Credit	Buying a good or service now and paying for it later
Debt	A good or service owed to another
Saving	Money put away to spend at a later time.

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