

First English Colonies - Study Sheet

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| 1. charter | A written contract issued by a government giving the holder the right to establish a colony. |
| 2. gold | Many colonists at Jamestown futilely spent their days looking for this. They didn't find any. |
| 3. House of Burgesses | In 1619 it became the first representative assembly in the American colonies. |
| 4. indentured servants | These men and women sold their labor to the person who paid their passage. |
| 5. Jamestown | The first permanent English settlement. |
| 6. John Rolfe | He developed a high-grade tobacco that the colonists learned to grow. |
| 7. John Smith | He said, "He that will not work shall not eat." |
| 8. joint stock companies | These were backed by investors who put money into a project to earn profits. |
| 9. King James I | He granted charters to the Virginia Company of Plymouth and the Virginia Company of London. |
| 10. malaria | This made many colonists at Jamestown sick with fever. |
| 11. mercantilism | In this economic system, the state controls trade and attempts to transfer wealth from colonies to the parent country. |
| 12. Nathaniel Bacon | Leader of a group of landless frontier settlers who opposed Governor William Berkeley. |
| 13. Pocahontas | John Rolfe married her in 1614. |
| 14. Powhatan | A Native American tribe that the colonists in Jamestown traded with. They also fought with them. |
| 15. Richard Hakluyt | An English geographer who urged England to start a colony in the Americas. |
| 16. Roanoke Island | The colony of Virginia began here. |
| 17. Sagadahoc | In 1607 the Plymouth Company sponsored this colony in Maine. |
| 18. Sir Walter Raleigh | He financed the colony of Roanoke. |
| 19. Spanish Armada | England began establishing colonies after they defeated this fleet in 1588. |
| 20. starving time | When the colonists ate rats, mice, snakes, cats, dogs, and horses in order to survive. |
| 21. stock | A piece of ownership of a company. |
| 22. tobacco | This Virginia crop quickly became very popular in England. |
| 23. Virginia | This colony was named after Queen Elizabeth I. |
| 24. William Berkeley | The Governor of Virginia during Bacon's Rebellion. |