

Survive Jamestown

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____

My level: ☐ Explorer ☐ Investigator ☐ Legend

Mission: Lead the first permanent English colony through its first seven years. Make each decision, watch the meters, and then compare your choice with what REALLY happened. Why did Jamestown almost fail, and what finally saved it?

Big question: What challenges did Jamestown face, and how did its choices affect its survival?

★ Warm-up: Survival ranking

You land in a new place. Rank these 1-3.

Find fresh water

Plant food

Key vocabulary	
Colony	A settlement ruled by a faraway country.
Investor	A person who gives money hoping to earn more.
Cash crop	A crop grown to sell.
Powhatan	The confederacy of Algonquian-speaking nations led by Chief Powhatan (Wahunsenacawh).

1 Box 1

Make the first decisions

In the simulator: Make the first 3 decisions.

Which early mistake hurt Jamestown's FOOD supply the most?

☐ Searching for gold instead of planting ☐ Building a fort ☐ Choosing a leader

2 Box 2

Finish the story

In the simulator: Make all 6 decisions and read the ending.

What did you notice?

3 Box 3

Cause and effect

Put these events in cause-and-effect order.

Put in order: Colonists search for gold instead of farming · Food runs out · The Starving Time · Tobacco makes the colony profitable

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

4 Box 4

Two sides of tobacco

What were the effects of tobacco? Choose all that apply.

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- ☐ The colony made money ☐ More colonists came ☐ Colonists took more Powhatan land
☐ The Starving Time began

5 Box 5

Why did Jamestown survive?

What was the MOST important reason Jamestown survived? Support your claim.

Claim Start: "The most important reason Jamestown survived was..."

Evidence

Reasoning Start: "This mattered most because..."

6 Box 6

Legend: the Powhatan view Legend only

Write 3-4 sentences about Jamestown from the Powhatan people's point of view. How might they have seen the colonists and tobacco farms?



Exit ticket: answer the big question in your own words

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Completion code:

Shown on the last screen of the simulator.