

Social Studies Assignments and Activities

Week 5 – Jamestown Part 2

1) Refresh your memory by reading below and watching this [Virginia Trekkers Video](#)

a. Why wasn't Jamestown the best place to settle?

- The location did not provide clean drinking water
- It was marshy, and mosquitoes were a major problem
- The settlers did not have the skills or tools need to farm and hunt and many starved.
- There were droughts

b. **John Smith started a work program:** "He who does not work, neither shall he eat."

Everyone was expected to learn to farm and plant food. The program helped the settlers to survive.

c. **What was the government like in Jamestown?**

-The Virginia Company appointed a governor. The governor made most of the decisions for the colony. Under this government, Jamestown would still have a governor appointed by the Virginia Company, but they would also be able to elect their own representatives.

-The General Assembly: The General Assembly was made of the governor, the governor's council, and the burgesses. The governor's council was formed by appointed members. The burgesses were the first elected representatives in English North America. There were 22 representatives altogether. Two men were elected from each of Virginia's 11 settlements. Only certain free, adult men had the right to vote for the burgesses.

2) Learn More:

a) watch this [video](#) on the first General Assembly

b) watch this [Liberty Kids episode](#)

c) Play the [Rags-To-Riches game](#). See how much virtual money you can earn by answering the Jamestown Review Questions with the correct answers. Let your teacher know how much money you earned answering the questions and playing the game.

3) Complete one activity from the choice board below

CHOICE BOARD

<p>Use this link to make a timeline of the creation of the Declaration of Independence using the information link below:</p>	<p>You are a colonist. Write about an evening when British soldiers invaded your home, demanded to be fed and to sleep in your home.</p>	<p>You are a colonist. Write a letter to a friend you still have in England. Persuade your friend to come to your colony.</p>
<p>Draw a comic strip about an event prior to the Revolutionary War. For example: Patrick Henry's Speech, the writers of the Declaration carefully choosing their words, traveling from Jamestown to Williamsburg – use your creative mind.</p>	<p>Children of this era and children of today did many of the same things. Draw a Venn Diagram comparing and contrasting children then and children now.</p>	<p>Create a menu of foods colonists would have eaten. Write it as if you owned a restaurant of the time. Include breakfast, lunch and dinner.</p>