

Jamestown – Terms/Concepts to Cover

This is not a comprehensive list of everything that one can know/cover regarding Jamestown. This list gives you a basic idea of important terms and concepts that most teachers include in lessons about Jamestown.

- Virginia Company
 - Purpose of colony
- Location of Jamestown
- Charter (students will run into definition later when dealing with other colonies)
- John Smith
 - Focus on his role in the colony's survival
- Problems faced by the colony
 - Reference the "starving times"
- Powhatan
- Pocahontas
 - Be sure to clear up myths about her
- John Rolfe
- Tobacco
 - Emphasize importance of tobacco to Jamestown's prosperity and growth
- Cash Crop
 - Difference between a cash crop and staple crop
- Indentured servants
- Use of slave labor
- House of Burgesses
 - Importance
- Bacon's Rebellion

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