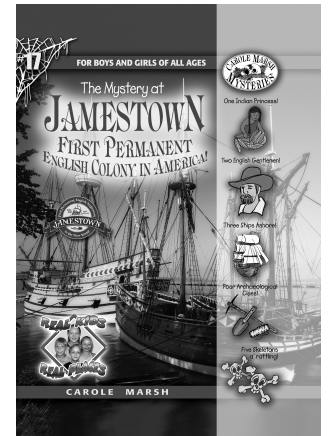


# Jamestown Teacher Tips and Lesson Plan Ideas

Bring a little mystery, fun, and imagination into your history lesson on Jamestown! Here's how to use Gallopade International's Jamestown Series to teach your class about the first permanent English settlement in America!

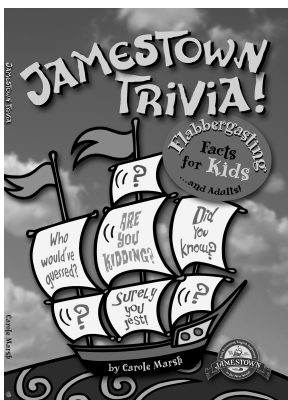
## *The Mystery of Jamestown: First Permanent English Colony in America*

A good place to start your unit is to reading this latest installment in the Carole Marsh Real Kids, Real Places mystery series. Kids may already be familiar with Mimi, Papa, their grandchildren Christina and Grant, and their travels around the world solving mysteries!



You may want to read the book aloud by chapter. Or, you may direct your class to read the book themselves if each child has a copy. Use the Teachers Guide to share information and challenge students with critical thinking questions. Here are a few activities:

- Name your favorite character and explain why you like that person.
- Draw your favorite character.
- Dress up as your favorite character.
- Draw the Jamestown fort! Be sure to include the church, storehouse, and guardhouse.
- Make a special bookmark for *The Mystery of Jamestown*.
- Write the word “Jamestown” vertically on the board. You will soon create an acrostic poem! Each day, ask students to suggest a word or phrase related to Jamestown beginning with each letter in the word “Jamestown.” If you haven’t finished the book before you finish the acrostic, start again with new words or phrases!



## *Jamestown Trivia!*

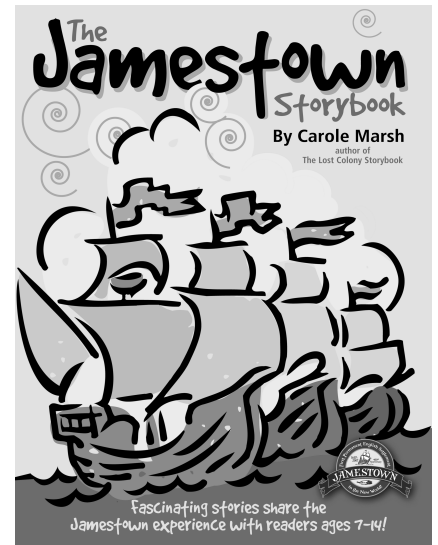
Sprinkle these little tidbits and treasures into your discussion of the Jamestown story. Pick a student to read a bit of trivia **each day**, and make sure he or she shows the class the page with its art. Explain the meaning of the word “trivia.” After each bit of trivia is read, ask the question, “What do you think about that?”

Leave the book in the front of the room so kids can look through it from time to time. They will love it!

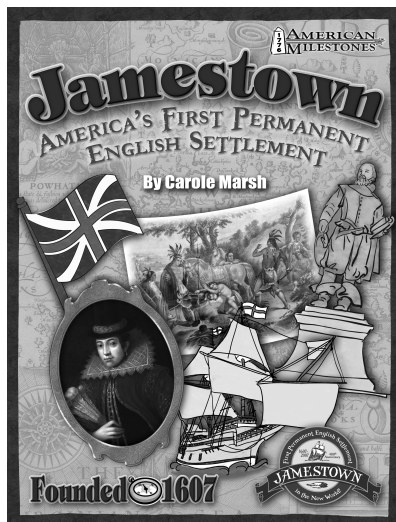
# The Jamestown Storybook

Read stories from the Jamestown Storybook aloud to the class. Try these activities that correspond with various stories:

- Ask the girls to pretend to be Pocahontas. Write a journal entry describing a typical day in her life!
- Ask the boys to pretend to be Captain John Smith. Write a journal entry describing a typical day in his life!
- Dress up like Powhatan Indians! Make it simple—use paper bags to create clothing and decorate it with colored markers.
- Divide the class into two groups. Ask one group to use the Powhatan words on page 23 in a descriptive sentence. Ask the other group to figure out what the Powhatan word means from the clues in the sentence! Or, play charades to figure out the words!
- Create a game of quoits! Have children make rings from aluminum foil. Tie a strip of colored yarn on each one to differentiate between teams. Find something in your classroom that will serve as a stake to toss the rings over. Even a water bottle will do! Divide into teams, and have a blast!



## Jamestown: First Permanent English Settlement in America (American Milestones book)

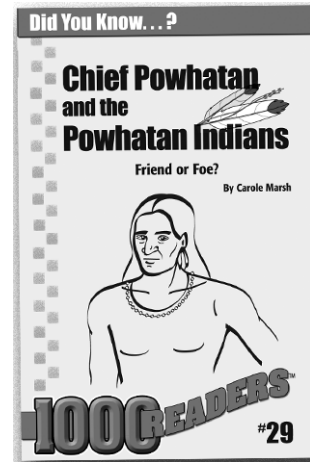


Use the short, easy-to-read pages and built-in activities to supplement your Jamestown history curriculum. Reproduce pages and pass out as a quick, educational handout to end your daily lesson. Kids can exchange papers and grade each other's work as you go over each activity. The subjects are interesting, thought-provoking, and will help kids think "outside the box!"

# Jamestown Readers

We've got Jamestown covered in this list of short biographies!

Captain John Smith  
Pocahontas  
Chief Powhatan  
John Rolfe  
Queen Anne  
Christopher Newport  
Thomas West, Lord De La Warr



Have students read the books and finish the fun activities inside.

Here's another idea—ask several students to read each book. Then, ask them to tell the class about the person they have read about!

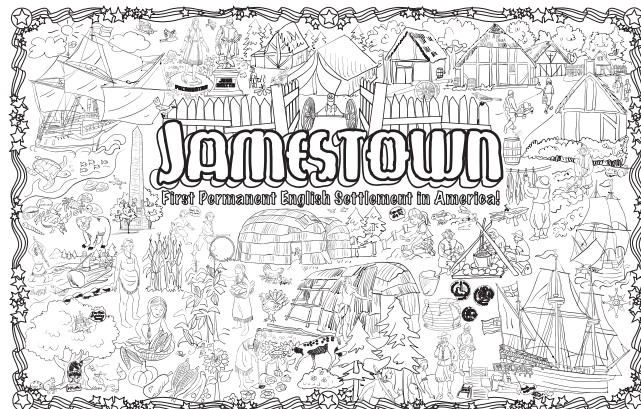


# Jamestown Mural

The Jamestown mural is a real crowd-pleaser!

- Use it to keep students happy and busy on a rainy day.
- Give coloring privileges as a reward for good behavior or good class participation.
- Use it as a tool to foster sharing and neatness.
- Display it proudly outside your classroom door when it is completed to impress other students...and other teachers!

And...don't forget to send a copy of your colored mural to [www.gallopade.com](http://www.gallopade.com). We love to see the results!





# Jamestown Fun!

## Have your own 400th anniversary celebration for Jamestown!

- Make giant numbers—1607 and 2007—out of cardboard or foam board. String them together with yarn and hang them across the front of the classroom.
- Make a giant “Happy 400th Anniversary” card out of cardboard. Make sure every student signs it! Or, ask each student to make their own card, and see how many signatures they can get. The winner gets a special prize!
- Make party hats out of construction paper and decorate them with streamers, glitter, sequins—whatever you can get your hands on!
- Dress up like characters in the Jamestown colony.
- Play some games! Here’s a game that Woodland Indian children liked to play:

### Woodpecker

This game was played by throwing pine cones into a hole in the trunk of a tree. Each cone was supposed to be a woodpecker flying into its nest!

You can adapt this game to your class by tossing balls made of paper or aluminum foil into a hole cut in a large cardboard box. (The box can be decorated like a tree!) Players should stand about 10 feet from the box. If a player succeeds in his or her attempt, he or she gets to go again. The first player to get six balls in the hole (or the “nest”) wins the game!

- List people or animals that may have lived in the Jamestown colony (for example, Pocahontas, John Smith, a chicken, or a pig). Write the name of each on a sticky-back label. Affix a label to each student’s back. Each student then asks other students questions like “Am I a male or female?” or “Am I a Native American or am I from England?” to guess the name on his or her back!
- Ask parents to donate cupcakes, cookies, drinks, or other favorite snacks!

