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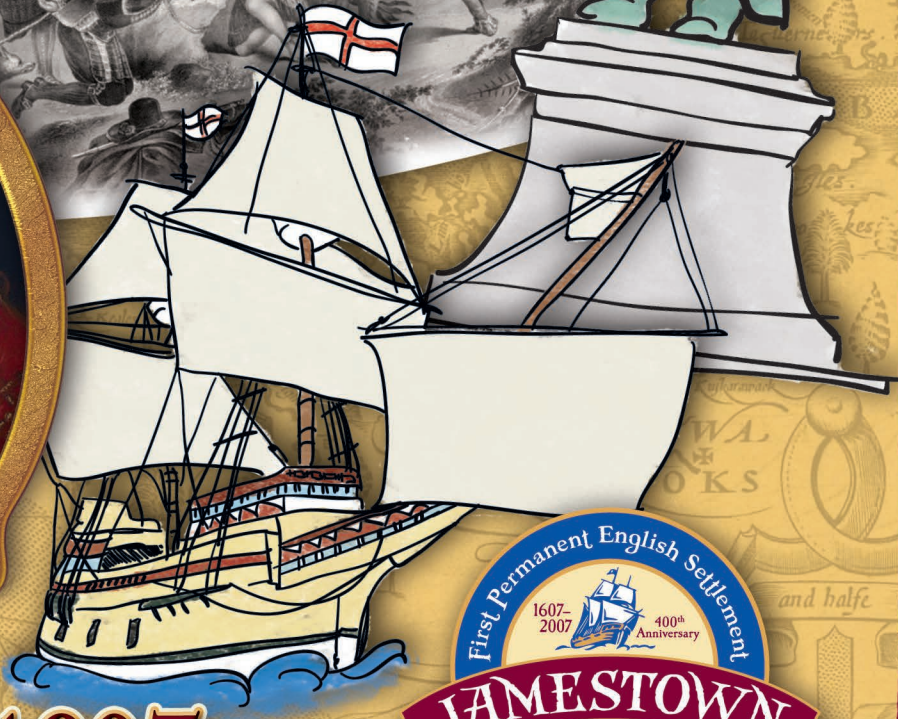
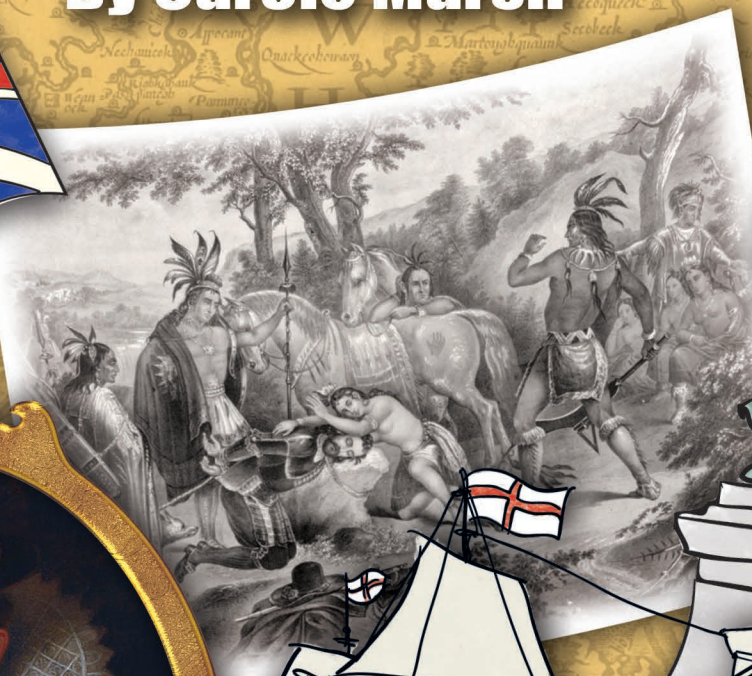
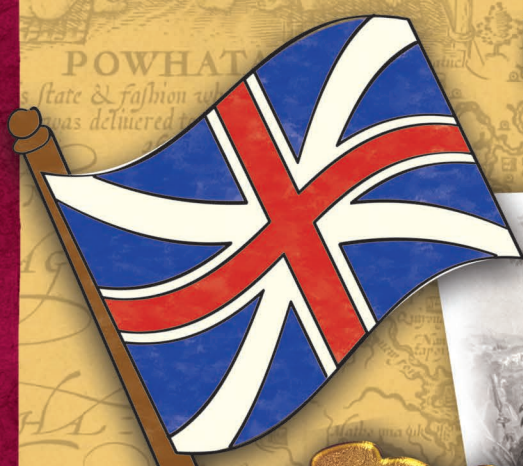
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1776 AMERICAN MILESTONES

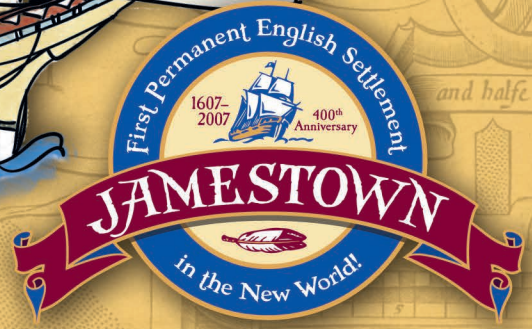
Jamestown

AMERICA'S FIRST PERMANENT ENGLISH SETTLEMENT

By Carole Marsh



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A Timeline of Events



1570s Spanish missionaries begin a mission on the York River. Mission does not survive.



1585 Sir Walter Raleigh names the North American coast "Virginia."



1587 English settlers establish a colony on Roanoke Island. The colony was found abandoned in 1590. The colonists had vanished without a trace.



1606 Virginia Company receives a charter to start a colony in Virginia. Three ships set sail from England.



1607 The colonists arrive in Virginia and build a settlement on the James River. They name it Jamestown in honor of King James I.



1607 Colonial leader John Smith is taken prisoner by the Powhatan Indians. The chief's daughter, Pocahontas, asks that his life be spared.



1608-9 John Smith is elected president of the governing council. He returns to England after a gunpowder injury and never returns to Jamestown.



1613 The first sample of Virginia tobacco is sent to England.



1614 Pocahontas marries colonist John Rolfe. A period of peace begins between the colonists and the Powhatan Indians.





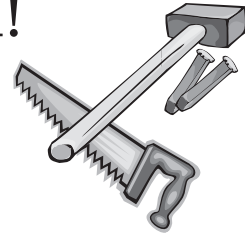
Master and Commander!

Captain Christopher Newport was a sea captain. He commanded the three ships that brought the first colonists to Jamestown. The ships were named the *Susan Constant*, the *Godspeed*, and the *Discovery*. Captain Newport sailed back and forth from England to Jamestown four more times. He brought much-needed supplies as well as new colonists. The colonists were lucky to have the support of a brave mariner like Christopher Newport!

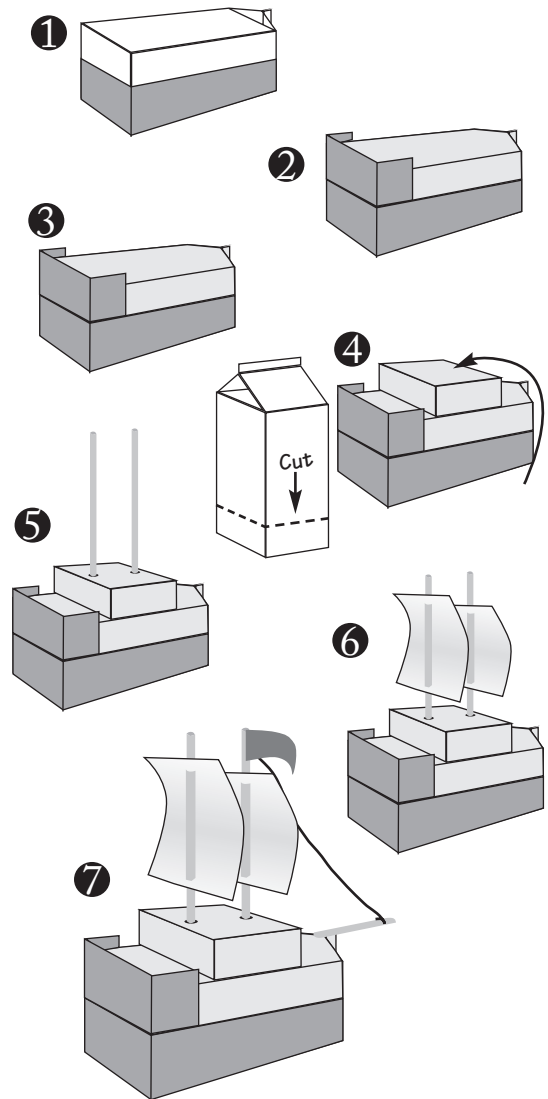
Build a ship of your own!

Materials needed:

- 2 clean milk cartons
- 2 straws
- playdough
- long piece of string or yarn
- scissors
- glue and tape
- one popsicle stick
- brown and white construction paper



- 1 Set the milk carton on its side. Cover the bottom half with brown paper (it may take two sheets).
- 2 Cover the rest of the carton with white paper. Tape another piece of brown paper around the back of the carton. Leave one inch sticking up at the top, and go down 2 inches on either side.
- 3 Roll two small hills of playdough and set them in the center of the ship.
- 4 Cut the bottom section (3 inches up) off of the second milk carton. Turn the carton section so that the open part faces down and cover it with white paper. Tape the "ship deck" to the center of the ship directly over the playdough hills.
- 5 Use a pencil to jab two holes into the deck right above each hill. Stick a straw "mast" through each hole into each hill.
- 6 Cut a 3-inch square and a 4-inch square from white paper. Poke two holes in each and place these "sails" onto the masts.
- 7 Cut a flag to glue at the top of one mast. Glue the popsicle stick straight out in front of the boat. Tie the string from the front mast to the stick. Decorate your boat with waves, a door, portholes, and whatever else you like!



This Land is Our Land!

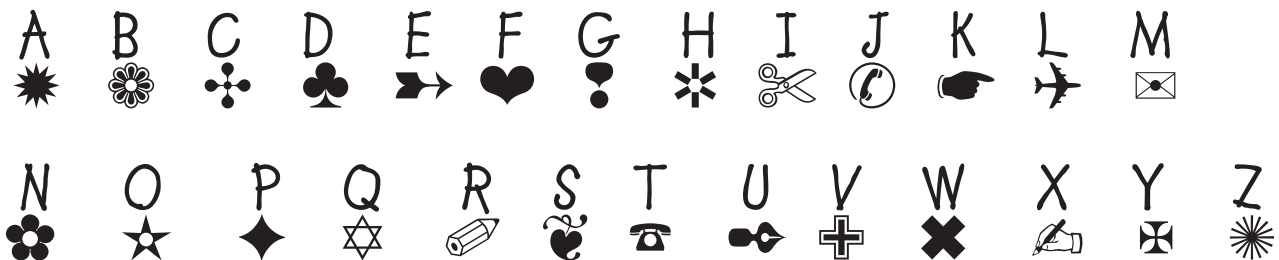
When the Jamestown colonists founded their colony in 1607, they had no idea how many Native Americans lived around them. Historians tell us that 13,000 to 14,000 Native Indians already lived in the area. Their settlements were centered around the rivers, which gave them fresh water, food, and transportation.



The Native Americans living in Virginia were part of the Powhatan Chiefdom. They spoke a form of Algonquian, a group of languages used by the Eastern Woodland Indians. Chief Powhatan ruled over more than 30 tribes. He was very powerful!

Although the Powhatan Indians were farmers, they were also warriors. They often battled with tribes in western Virginia over land, trade, and other issues. They were not pleased to see the English settlers move into Jamestown and continually take over their land. As a result, the Powhatans fought two great wars in 1622 and 1644 to drive the English out of Virginia.

Use the code below to find out the names of the two Indian reservations in Virginia today. The tribes are descendants of the Powhatan Chiefdom!



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Some historians estimate that the average Powhatan Indian was about six feet tall. That was considered tall in the 1600s!

