



The First English Settlements

England seeks Land

- ENGLAND = MONARCHY (KING / QUEEN IN CHARGE)
- COLONIES = RAW MATERIALS FOR ENGLISH INDUSTRIES
- ENGLAND SEEKS TO COLONIZE LAND IN NORTH AMERICA BEGINNING IN THE 1580S



The Lost Colony of Roanoke

- A MAN NAMED SIR WALTER RALEIGH WAS CHOSEN TO START AN ENGLISH COLONY IN THE NEW WORLD
- 115 SETTLERS SET UP CAMP ON ROANOKE ISLAND (OFF THE COAST OF NORTH CAROLINA) IN 1587
- A MAN NAMED JOHN WHITE WAS SUPPOSED TO GOVERN THE COLONY
- AS WINTER APPROACHED, JOHN WHITE SAILED BACK TO ENGLAND TO GET SUPPLIES FOR THE COLONISTS



Where did everyone go?



- IN 1588 ENGLAND WENT TO WAR WITH SPAIN, WHILE JOHN WAS THERE GETTING SUPPLIES
- NO ONE WAS ABLE TO RETURN TO ROANOKE ISLAND TO CHECK ON THE SETTLERS UNTIL 1590... THREE YEARS LATER
- WHEN THEY RETURNED, ALL THE SETTLERS HAD DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE
- THE ONLY CLUE WAS THE WORD CROATOAN CARVED INTO A TREE
- THIS IS STILL ONE OF HISTORY'S BIGGEST MYSTERIES!

Jamestown

- THE VIRGINIA COMPANY OF LONDON FORMED IN 1607 – WEALTHY MEN WHO WANTED TO MAKE MORE MONEY
- KING JAMES I SUPPORTED THIS GROUP AND GRANTED A CHARTER TO ESTABLISH A COLONY
- CHARTER: A DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A GOVERNMENT THAT GRANTS SPECIFIC RIGHTS TO A PERSON OR COMPANY
- SPRING OF 1607, 104 MEN SAILED TO CHESAPEAKE BAY AND BUILT A FORT THAT THEY NAMED JAMESTOWN

John Smith

- THE ORIGINAL SETTLERS DID NOT DO WELL THEIR FIRST WINTER, THEY DID NOT HAVE FOOD
- CHIEF POWHATAN OF THE LOCAL NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE SUPPLIED SOME FOOD BUT MANY DIED
- JOHN SMITH WAS SENT FROM LONDON IN 1608 TO LEAD THE COLONY AND HELP IT FLOURISH
- HIS RULE: "HE WHO WORKS NOT, EATS NOT."
- WOMEN WERE ALSO BROUGHT TO JAMESTOWN TO GROW THE COLONY





The Starving Time

- WHEN THE JAMESTOWN SETTLERS DID NOT STORE ENOUGH FOOD FOR WINTER, JOHN SMITH RAIDED CHIEF POWHATAN'S VILLAGES AND STOLE FOOD...
- THE NATIVE AMERICANS WERE NOT COOL WITH THAT
- 1609 JOHN SMITH WAS INJURED AND RETURNED TO ENGLAND
- THE SETTLERS DID NOT WORK WHILE HE WAS AWAY AND DID NOT HAVE FOOD
- THE NATIVE AMERICANS REFUSED TO HELP
- BY THE END OF THE WINTER IN 1610 ONLY 60 PEOPLE SURVIVED

Virginia, the first colony

- VIRGINIA COMPANY OF LONDON CONTINUED INVESTING IN JAMESTOWN
- EVENTUALLY THE SETTLERS OF JAMESTOWN BUILT MORE FARMS WHERE TOBACCO WAS THE MAIN CROP
- THE FIRST COLONY OF VIRGINIA WAS FORMED
- HOUSE OF BURGESSES: THE LAWMAKING BODY THAT GOVERNED VIRGINIA WITH A REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT
- REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT: THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN WHICH VOTERS ELECT PEOPLE TO MAKE LAWS FOR THEM

The Plymouth Colony

- BEGINNING IN THE 1500 'S ENGLAND FACED RELIGIOUS WARS, MANY WERE PERSECUTED
- IN 1620 A GROUP CALLED SEPARATISTS (BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO SEPARATE FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND) DECIDED TO SETTLE IN VIRGINIA
- PILGRIM: A PERSON WHO TAKES A RELIGIOUS JOURNEY (THE SEPARATISTS ARE PILGRIMS)
- THEY SAILED ON THE MAYFLOWER SHIP BUT WERE BLOWN OFF COURSE AND LANDED IN MASSACHUSETTS
- THEY NAMED THEIR NEW SETTLEMENT PLYMOUTH



The Mayflower Compact

- BECAUSE THE PILGRIMS LANDED OUTSIDE OF VIRGINIA, THEY BELIEVED THEY WERE OUTSIDE OF VIRGINIA'S LAWS
- THEY STILL NEEDED RULES
- BEFORE THEY WENT ASHORE, THEY WROTE AND SIGNED THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT
- THEY FOCUSED ON A GOVERNMENT WITH "JUST AND EQUAL LAWS."
- THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT IS THE FIRST DOCUMENT WHERE AMERICAN COLONISTS CLAIMED THE RIGHT TO GOVERN THEMSELVES

The First Thanksgiving

- THE PILGRIMS LANDED TOO LATE TO PLANT OR HARVEST CROPS
- THE NATIVE AMERICANS HELPED THEM BUT MANY DIED
- IN THE SPRING CHIEF SQUANTO TAUGHT THE PILGRIMS HOW TO PLANT CROPS
- AT HARVEST TIME IN 1621 THE PILGRIMS DECIDED TO SET ASIDE A DAY OF THANKS FOR THEIR GOOD FORTUNE

