

## CP NOTES

# The Chesapeake Colonies

## I. SETTLING THE BRITISH COLONIES

- A. Unlike the Spanish & French, the British colonies were not funded or \_\_\_\_\_ by the king:
1. \_\_\_\_\_ companies were formed by entrepreneurs in Britain who hoped to \_\_\_\_\_ by establishing a colony
  2. Once a \_\_\_\_\_ was gained from the king, the company could maintain a colony in the New World

## II. VIRGINIA & MARYLAND

### A. JAMESTOWN, VIRGINIA



1. In 1606, the \_\_\_\_\_ was formed by investors hoping to find \_\_\_\_\_ in the New World
2. In 1607, settlers founded \_\_\_\_\_, which became the first \_\_\_\_\_ British colony in America
3. Jamestown was founded along the Chesapeake Bay in present-day \_\_\_\_\_
4. Settlers built a fort, but struggled to survive in their first years in America
  - a. Settlers arrived looking for gold so they did not prepare to stay long in America; They did not \_\_\_\_\_ & faced \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ took control & forced settlers to farm
  - c. Jamestown was located on a swamp & led to outbreaks of \_\_\_\_\_ among colonists
  - d. Jamestown was located in territory controlled by the \_\_\_\_\_ who attacked the settlement
5. After the Jamestown colonists \_\_\_\_\_, the joint-stock investors demanded that colonists find a way to make \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. In 1612, \_\_\_\_\_ introduced \_\_\_\_\_ in Jamestown which was popular in Europe & made investors money
  - b. Tobacco became so \_\_\_\_\_ that colonists planted more, built large \_\_\_\_\_, & expanded to find new land for farming
  - c. Due to the \_\_\_\_\_ of tobacco, the Jamestown settlement expanded into the \_\_\_\_\_ colony
6. Tobacco created a need for \_\_\_\_\_ to plant & pick the tobacco
  - a. To meet the demand for workers, landowners in Virginia used \_\_\_\_\_ from England
    - i. Indentured servants were typically \_\_\_\_\_ who agreed to work for a land owner for \_\_\_\_\_ in exchange for their travel to America
    - ii. In 1618, Virginia introduced the \_\_\_\_\_ which gave \_\_\_\_\_ to anyone who brought an indentured servant to America
    - iii. The large population of \_\_\_\_\_ in Britain led thousands of people to immigrating as indentured servants by 1700
    - iv. Indentured servants were worked hard, treated \_\_\_\_\_, & many \_\_\_\_\_ before their contracts ended
  - b. In addition to indentured servants, Virginia landowners also used African \_\_\_\_\_ who were first brought to Jamestown in 1619
    - i. In the mid-1600s, \_\_\_\_\_ indentured servants came to America as the British \_\_\_\_\_ improved; As a result, African slavery replaced indentured servitude as the dominant labor system in Virginia



ii. African slaves were transported from Africa to America on slave ships across the "\_\_\_\_\_"

## B. SOCIAL HIERARCHY IN THE CHESAPEAKE

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ plantations were at the top of society
2. Poor, \_\_\_\_\_ were the largest class. Most were former indentured servants
3. There were few \_\_\_\_\_ in Virginia, which made it difficult for colonists to \_\_\_\_\_ or to have families
4. \_\_\_\_\_ were often mistreated
5. \_\_\_\_\_ were at the bottom of society

## C. THE VIRGINIA HOUSE OF BURGESSSES

1. Virginia colonists needed \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain order but the British government was thousands of miles across the Atlantic Ocean
2. In 1619, Virginians formed the \_\_\_\_\_ which was the first \_\_\_\_\_ assembly in America
3. Virginia was a royal colony so it had a \_\_\_\_\_ chosen by the king, but the House of Burgesses made the important decisions regarding \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_



## D. BACON'S REBELLION

1. The leaders of the House of Burgesses were elected, but they were \_\_\_\_\_ who did not always represent the poor farmers of the colony
2. Former indentured servants in western Virginia suffered from low tobacco prices & frequent \_\_\_\_\_
3. Poor farmers, led by \_\_\_\_\_, blamed Virginia's governor for not protecting them & started a rebellion
4. Bacon's Rebellion proved to rich Virginians that \_\_\_\_\_ were better than indentured servants because slaves would never ask for \_\_\_\_\_

USE THE SPACE BELOW TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES AND CONTAIN SPECIFIC DETAIL FROM YOUR NOTES.

**PROMPT:** What was the biggest challenge facing settlers in Jamestown?

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