

JAMESTOWN

an Historic Virginia Settlement

Jamestown was the first permanent English settlement in North America. It was established in 1607, when 104 men and boys arrived on the shores of Virginia. First, they built a fort as defense against the Native Americans who lived nearby and the Spanish, who claimed the area.

Life was hard in the early years of Jamestown. Food was difficult to find, especially in the winter. Many of the colonists became sick. In this hard time, many colonists died.

The local Native American tribe, the Powhatans, gave the colonists food. One of the first to bring the colonists food was Pocahontas, the daughter of the chief. She made friends with the colonists and helped them through the difficult time. She later married one of the colonists, John Rolfe, and went to England.

After the early years of hardship, Jamestown grew and more colonists arrived. They spread out across Virginia to live and farm. Today, Jamestown has been restored and is part of the Colonial National Historic Park.



Capt. John Smith drew this map of Virginia in 1624.



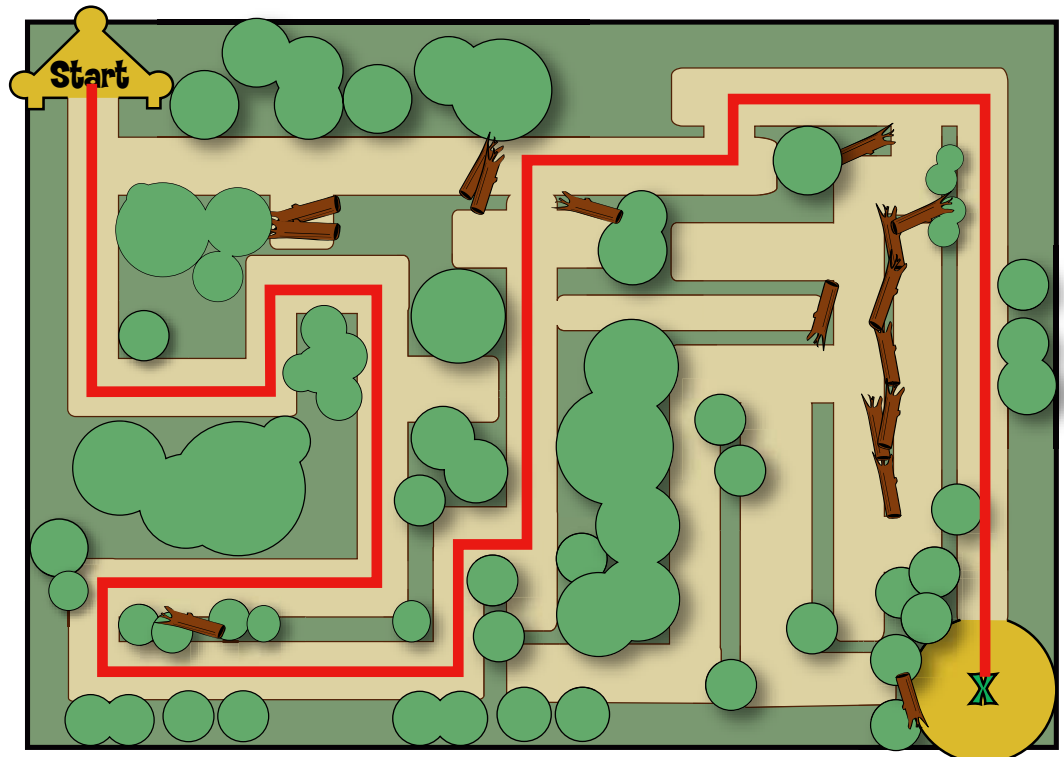
Captain John Smith became the leader of Jamestown in 1608. He returned to England in 1609 after he was hurt.



Pocahontas was the daughter of the Powhatan chief. Legend says she saved John Smith from being killed when he was captured by her tribe.

MAZE FUN

Help the Jamestown colonists find their way from the fort to the Powhatan Indian village.



Fill in the blanks

1. Jamestown was established in 1607.
2. Pocahontas was a member of the Powhatan tribe.
3. Jamestown is in the state of Virginia.
4. The first permanent English settlement in North America was Jamestown.