

Explore Jamestown Settlement

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GUIDELINES: Visit Jamestown settlement. Based on the grid, complete the number of activities for your grade level.

	DISCOVER	CONNECT	TAKE ACTION	ANY ACTIVITY UNDER ANY KEY	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES
Girl Scout Daisy	1	1	1	0	3
Girl Scout Brownie	1	1	1	1	4
Girl Scout Junior	1	1	1	2	5
Girl Scout Cadette	1	1	1	3	6
Girl Scout Senior	1	1	1	4	7
Girl Scout Ambassador	1	1	1	5	8

DISCOVER

- Look at the exhibit of Powhatan Indian life inside the main museum entrance. In what ways did Powhatan people obtain food? What are some of the foods they ate?
- What materials did Powhatan Indians use to make clothing and how were they made?
- How is the Angolan house in the museum gallery different from the Powhatan and English houses?
- The Virginia Company of London was a group of investors who paid for the people to settle Jamestown. In the museum gallery, find the room with the portraits of the investors, and then find the portrait of the man for whom Jamestown was named.
- Why did the ships follow a southerly route from England to Virginia OR why did they leave the smallest ship at Jamestown, but send the other two back to England?
- What type of government started in the fort's church that is similar to the one we have today?

CONNECT

- Look at the different images of Pocahontas in the museum gallery. Which one do you think best represents the real Pocahontas and why? What kinds of records do you leave so people in the future will know about you and what you looked like?
- In the museum gallery, find the statue of Queen Njinga of Angola. What kind of leader do you think she was, based on what she is wearing and holding? What qualities make a good leader today?
- The first two English women arrived in 1608, but women did not start coming in large numbers until 1620. What kinds of jobs did women do in the fort?
- Would you want to help settle Jamestown in the early days or wait until more people had settled in Virginia? Why?
- What did the Powhatan trade to the English, and what did the Powhatan receive in exchange? Which group needed more help with basic needs?
- What crop gave the English economic success and which group was forced to provide the labor? OR What problems did the English face in the early years at Jamestown?
- What is the importance of Jamestown to Virginia and U.S. history?

TAKE ACTION

- Jamestown was about different groups of people interacting and influencing each other to begin creating a new "American" culture. Interview a family member to find out where your ancestors came from, and learn two or three traditions from their culture. Write a poem (at least eight lines) that tells how you feel about the traditions of your ancestors, and share it with your troop.
- In the fort, learn two games called quoits and nine-pins. What games do they remind you of? Make a quoits game and teach your friends to play.
- The first large group of unmarried women arrived at Jamestown in 1620 to encourage marriage, families, and a greater sense of community. Pretend you are one of these young women and write a journal entry describing your decision to leave your family in England to travel to the New World, and what you hope to see and accomplish in Virginia.
- Tell your troop the story of the first Africans to arrive in Virginia in 1619. Use one prop to represent each culture – Powhatan Indian, English, African - as you tell the story.