

# COLONIAL ERA



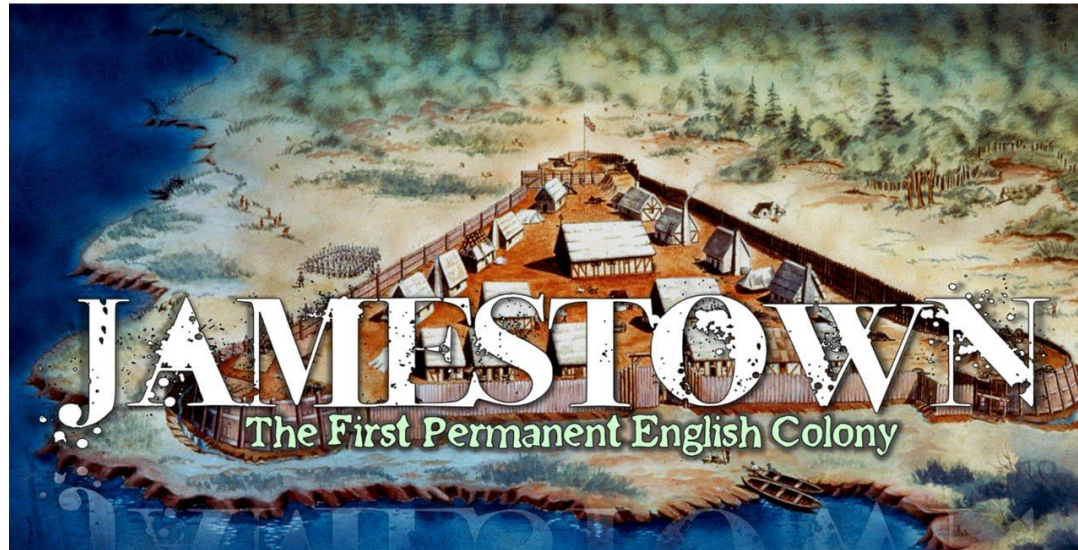
# WARM UP

Use your imagination to make a list of 5 important settlers' jobs that would make a brand new colony in the Americas successful. Explain your reasons for each choice.



# Jamestown – England's 2<sup>nd</sup> Attempt

- It's the year 1607, and Jamestown is established as the new settlement in the Americas. 100 people settled in the area.
  - Remember, the Virginia Company of London created Jamestown and the Virginia Colony.
- Jamestown almost becomes another massive, epic failure for England (just like Roanoke Island).
  - *After watching the Roanoke video clip, can you think of any possible challenges facing these new settlers in Jamestown?*



OCCUPATIONS  
OF THE  
ORIGINAL  
JAMESTOWN  
SETTLERS

<b>Occupation (Total)</b>	<b>*Group</b>	<b>Number</b>
Councell	Original	6
Preacher	Original	1
Gentlemen	Original	29
Carpenters	Original	6
Blacksmith	Original	1
Sailer	Original	1
Barber	Original	1
Bricklayers	Original	2
Mason	Original	1
Taylor/Tailers	Original	1
Drum	Original	1
Labourers	Original	12
Boyes	Original	4
A Surgeon	Original	1

## Jamestown Colony



Jamestown was located with defense in mind. Enemy Spanish ships would have to pass through a narrow channel to reach Jamestown, making the ships easy marks for the settlers' cannons.

The forest could provide wood for building and for fuel.

Williamsburg was founded in 1633 as Middle Plantation by settlers from Jamestown.

The waters provided fish for food. But the water, so near the sea, was salty.

Jamestown  
1607

Marsh

James River

Smith's Fort

**GEOGRAPHY  
SKILLS**

### INTERPRETING MAPS

- 1. Human-Environment Interaction** What were the advantages and disadvantages of locating Jamestown on a river?
- 2. Human-Environment Interaction** What do you think would have been a commonly used method of transportation for people in this region?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXMjQWr3Z6Y>

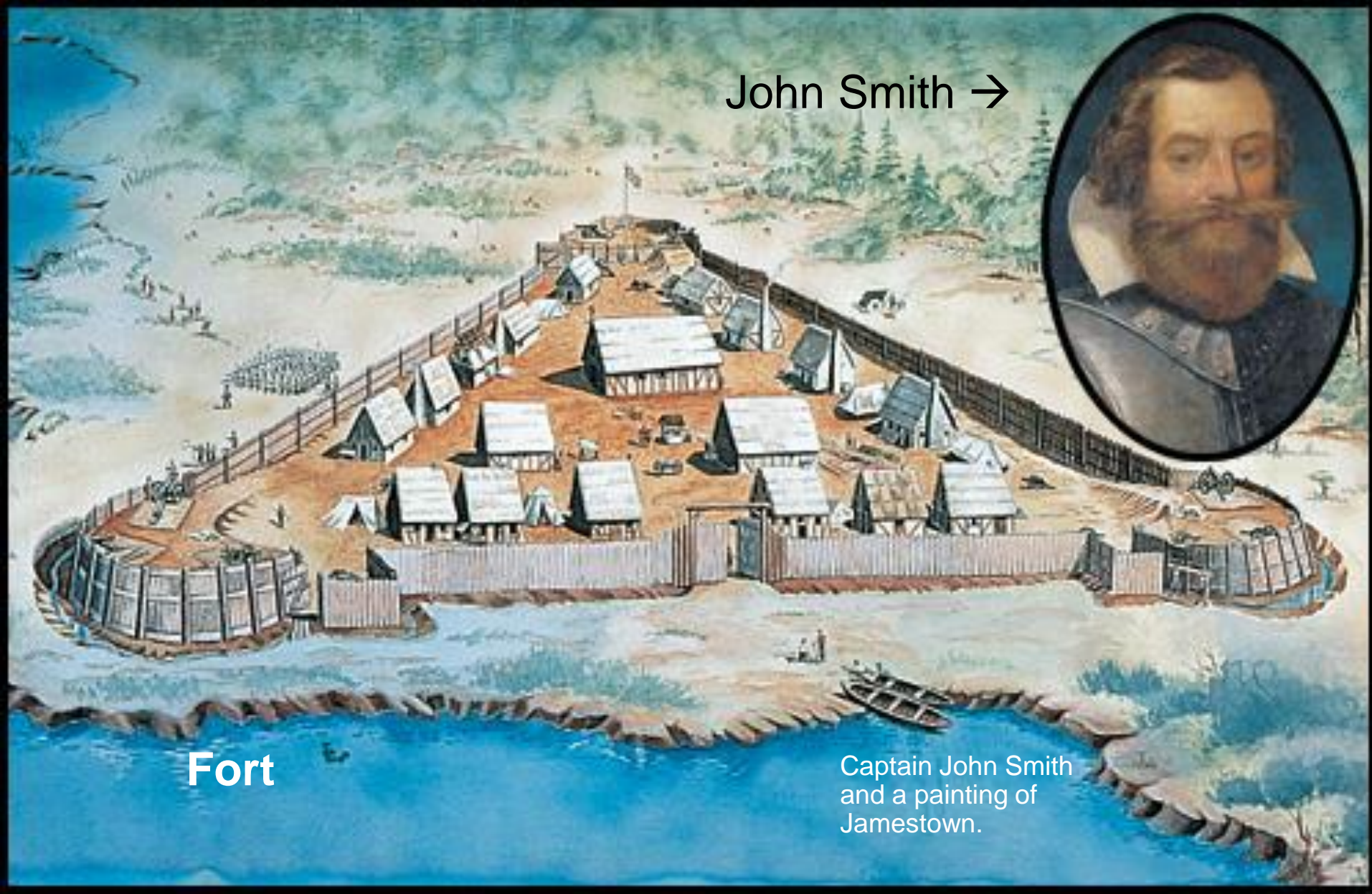
# Jamestown- First lasting settlement, in Virginia

John Smith →



**Fort**

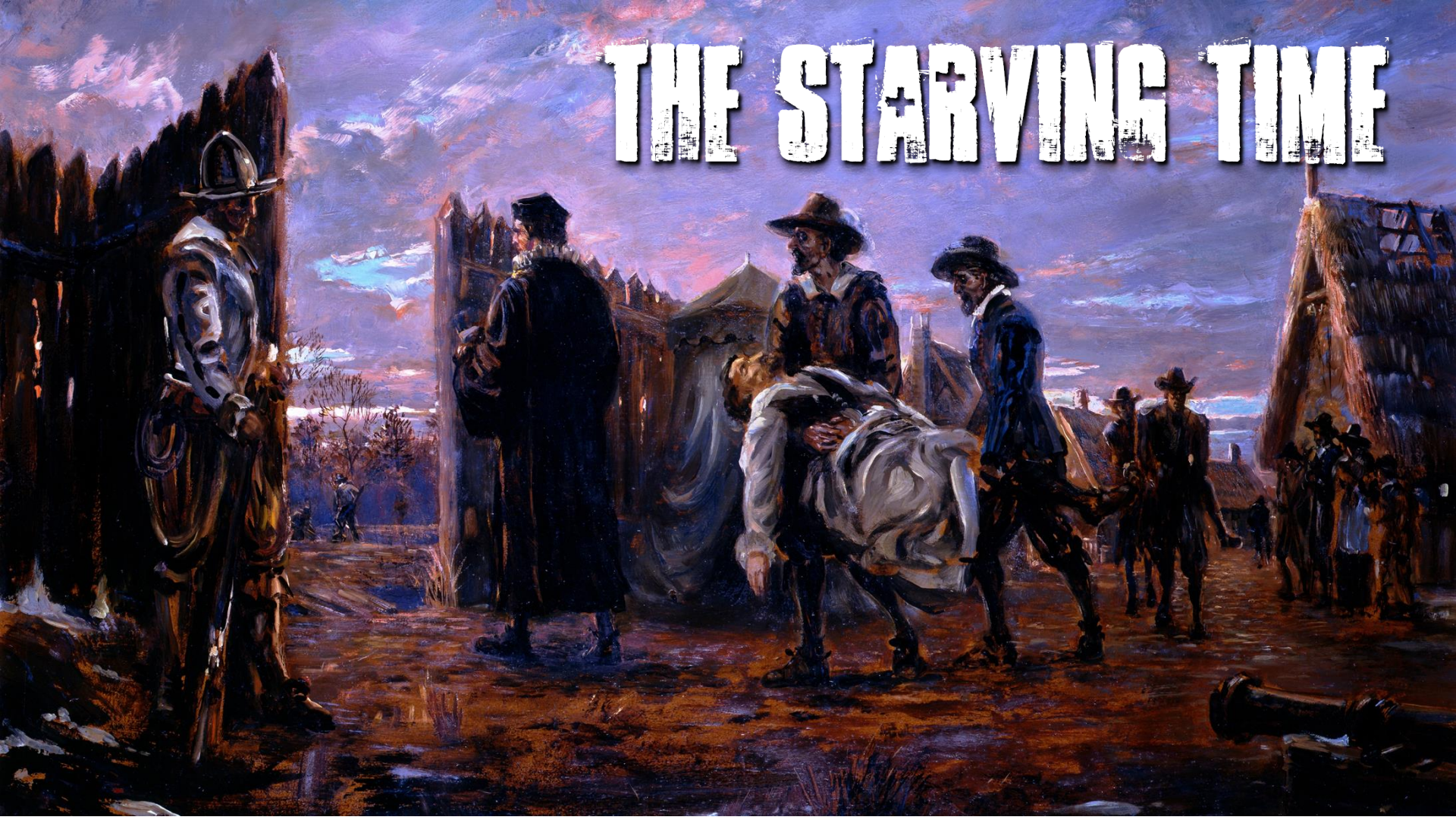
Captain John Smith  
and a painting of  
Jamestown.



# Jamestown Challenges

- Jamestown almost failed during its first year of existence for a few reasons:
  - disease (malaria from mosquitoes)
  - starvation (most of the settlers were not farmers)
  - gold vs. daily chores
  - over-reliance on the Natives to provide food
  - unfamiliarity with harsh seasonal changes (winter, summer)
- This hard period was called The Starving Time.
- In fact, the situation was so bad, that out of the **100** original members to arrive, only **38** survived the first year!!!!!!
- <http://www.history.com/topics/thirteen-colonies/videos#life-in-jamestown>

# THE STARVING TIME

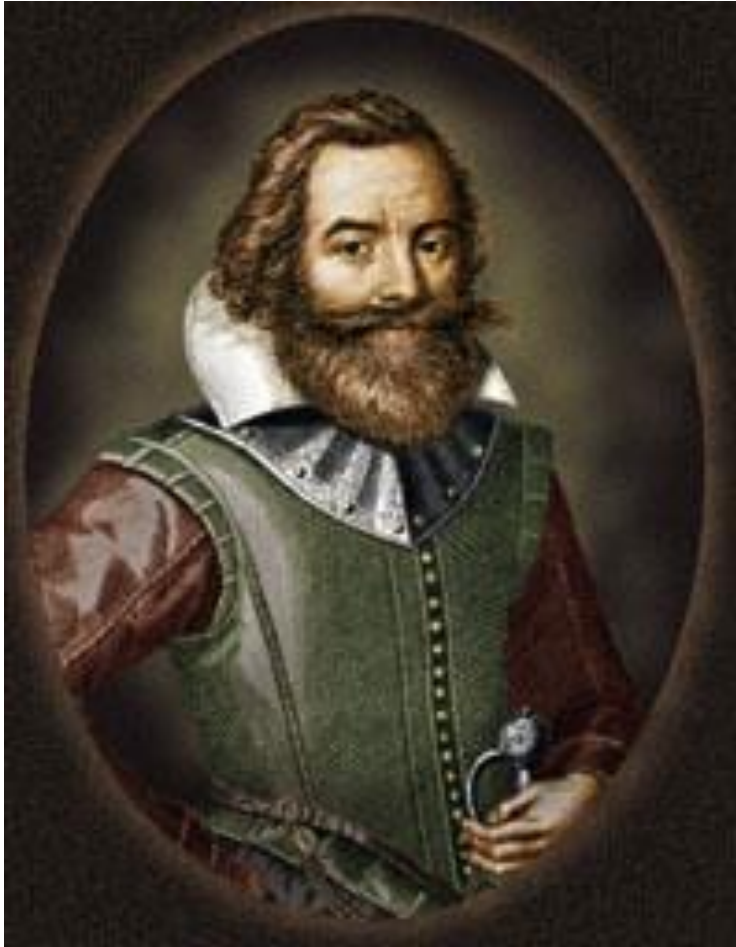




# THE STARVING TIME



# Captain John Smith Takes Charge



- After such a miserable first year in Jamestown, Captain John Smith took control of the Jamestown settlement.
- He gave the settlers some “tough love” and laid out some hard core rules for everyone to follow.
  - *If you were John Smith, what kinds of rules would you have established for the people of Jamestown?*

# Jamestown Finally Prospers

- John Smith announces to all settlers that “if you don’t work, you don’t eat”.
  - *Do you think that’s a fair rule? Or do you think he was being unfair?*
- He also required that every person living in Jamestown contribute their energies to work, and not to just searching for gold.
  - Cutting timber for houses and firewood
  - Farming to grow food
  - Other necessary daily chores