

## Notes

**Skim** Titles often tell you what the author thinks about the subject.

**Skim** Subheads help you identify different sections of text.

**Look** Look here for details about what the Indians and settlers traded.

Use the Notes column to take notes and use SALSA™ strategies. There are a few hints to get you started.

## Peace Maker

Pocahontas was a Native American. She is important in history. She helped her people and English settlers live in peace. She lived many years ago during the time that this country was being settled.

Pocahontas was the daughter of an Indian leader named Powhatan. She was Powhatan's favorite child.

## Settlers Arrive

In 1607, English ships arrived in what is now Virginia. They carried settlers who wanted to live here. They built a fort for protection that they called Jamestown.

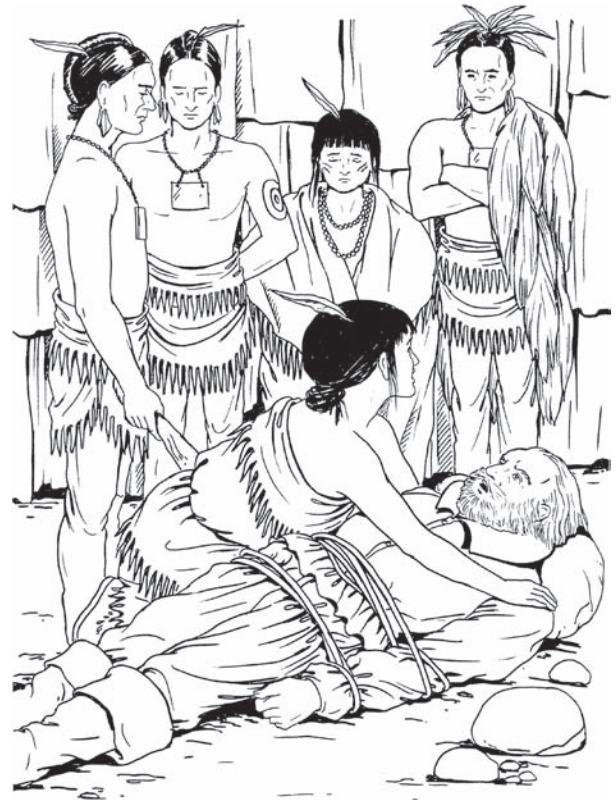
Many Indians did not like the settlers. They wanted them to leave. Powhatan liked them. He wanted to trade with them for things his people could not make, like metal pots and tools.

## John Smith

John Smith was the leader of the settlers.

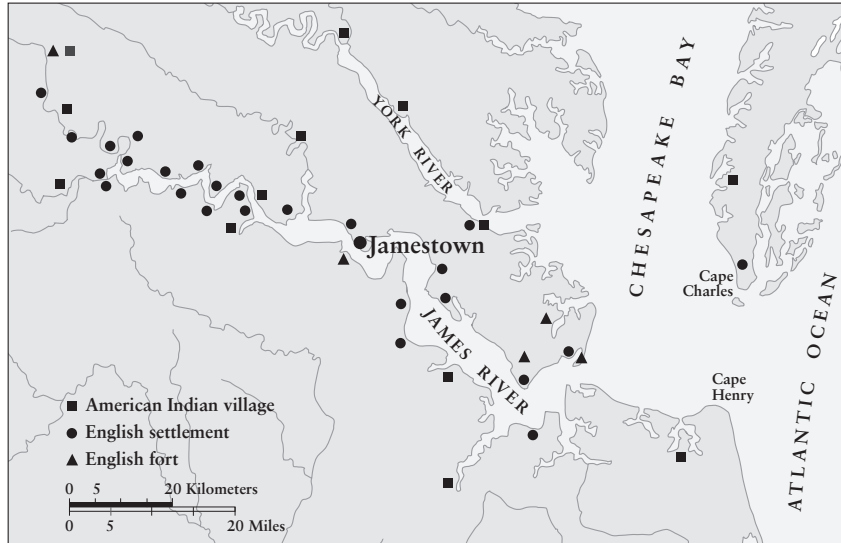
The Indians took Smith and brought him to Powhatan. The story goes that the Indians wanted to hurt Smith. But Pocahontas begged for his life. "Please let him go," she said to her father. Because his daughter asked him, Powhatan let him go. Powhatan said he would give food to the settlers. In return, they would give him metal pots and tools.

Some people who study history think that it didn't really happen that way. They think it was a show. Such ceremonies were common among the Indians in the area. Powhatan wanted to trade with the settlers so much that he never meant to harm John Smith.



## Pocahontas and the Settlers

Whatever the truth was about saving Smith, the Indians did trade food to the settlers. They traded corn, pumpkins, turkey, and deer meat. Pocahontas often went along. She made friends with the settlers. The settlers did well and spread through the area.



*Jamestown settlement, 1607-1635* National Park Service Map

Sometimes the two groups fought anyway. Both sides took prisoners. In fact, an Englishman kidnapped Pocahontas. She was taken to Jamestown. At first, she didn't like it there. She missed her people. But she learned to speak English there. She even decided to stay with the settlers. She lived like the English and married a settler named John Rolfe. They had a son named Thomas.

After Pocahontas and Rolfe were married, there was a long time of peace. The settlers and the Indians did not fight. This peace lasted eight years. This made Pocahontas happy.

## Trip to England

Pocahontas' husband wanted her to see England. She wanted to go there, too. So they sailed there. Everyone in England liked Pocahontas and thought she was smart. She even met the king and queen.

Then Pocahontas and her husband wanted to come home. Unfortunately, Pocahontas got sick and died before they left.

## A Friend

Pocahontas was a real friend to the settlers. She helped them when they needed food. She worked for peace between her people and the English of Jamestown.

## Notes

**Look** What does this map tell you about the area around Jamestown?

**Solve** Look for Connections to explain why Pocahontas' marriage brought peace.

**Ask** Why does the author tell the reader this about Pocahontas? What does he want you to think?