Jamestown, Virginia

http://www.virtualjamestown.org/jsmith_mod.html
• Virginia company granted a charter
• Invested in the company and in return would earn a share of profits made in the colony
• One goal-FIND GOLD

First Permanent English Settlement

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Dilemma 1

- Colonists spent their time searching for gold
- What should they do?
  Take a minute to decide what the colonists should do to first upon arrival in Virginia – record your ideas in the chart
What they did?

- Leader John Smith imposed a strict discipline “Work or Starve”
- Each colonist despite their position was required to spend at least 4 hours/day working
Dilemma 2
- Virginia Soil was not conducive to growing traditional food crops on a large scale
- What do you think the colonists did to cultivate a viable crop? Take a minute to record your ideas in the chart.
What they did?

- John Rolfe experimented with a seed from the West Indies – ultimately began to grow Tobacco – saving the colony from devastation.

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• Dilemma 3

◦ Tobacco crop was labor intensive

◦ Needed men to work the fields

◦ What did the colonists do to meet their labor demands? What ideas do you have? Take a minute to record your ideas in the chart
What they did?

- Offered large tracts of land to men willing to travel to Virginia
- Indentured servants in return for passage to the Americas worked for a period of 3-5 years cultivating Tobacco

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Dilemma 4

- Relations with Native Americans
- Powhatan’s suspicions of the English settlers led to conflict and disagreements over land
- What do you think the colonists and the Powhatan’s could do to settle their differences? Take a minute to record your ideas in the chart.
What they did?

- Initially Powhatan’s helped colonists survive in the early years – forged an alliance.
- During the most difficult period “starving time” colonists raided Natives for food to survive causing conflict and death.
- In 1614 peace was made, Powhatan’s daughter Pocahontas married John Rolfe.

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