

# Jamestown DBQ

## Reading Comprehension Questions

### Overview

1. The illustration shows the Colonists may have chosen the Jamestown location because...
  - a. It was close to native tribes.
  - b. It was directly across the Atlantic from England.
  - c. It had an easy water route for their ships.
  - d. It was a safe location.
2. The Illustration shows the settlers...
  - a. Planned to use the local resources to survive
  - b. Brought everything they needed with them
  - c. Worked with the natives to get settled
  - d. Had many workers to start a colony

### Background

3. What evidence proves many early settlers died. Pick **TWO**.
  - a. In the awful winter of 1609-1610, two thirds of the settlement died.
  - b. 100 passengers sailed into the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay
  - c. A vast majority of the settlers were young.
  - d. By 1611, of the more then 500 settlers who had arrived at Jamestown, 80% were dead.
4. What evidence from paragraph 1 suggests this was a GOOD spot to settle? Pick ALL that apply.
  - a. Ahead lay possible riches
  - b. There were river banks
  - c. Freshwater streams
  - d. Tall trees

## Document A

5. Because the adjacent river and creeks became brackish as water levels rose, reliable sources of fresh water would have been **scarce**.

Pick a synonym for **scarce** as it is used in the text above.

- a. abundant
- b. plentiful
- c. excess
- d. rare

6. Filth introduced into the river tended to **fester** rather than flush away.

Pick a synonym for **fester** as it is used in the text above.

- a. clean
- b. fresh
- c. rot
- d. heal

## Document B

7. The winter of 1609-1610 was named the, "starving time." The chart show this was due to;

- a. Lack of trade with the natives
- b. Lack of supplies from England
- c. Nearby brush fire
- d. Lack of rainfall and drought

8. The chart illustrates the drought period lasted for approximately how many years?

- a. 40 years
- b. 90 years
- c. 10 years
- d. 1 year

## Document C

### Part A

9. Out of 110 passengers on the first ship to Jamestown, 47 were Gentlemen. What would have been the downfall of this?
- Not enough medicine
  - Not enough supplies
  - Not enough workers to build a settlement
  - Not enough allies for the natives

### Part B

10. On the second ship, or the resupply ship in January, what evidence proves your answer to Part A?
- They bought a gunsmith
  - They increased the number of labourers
  - They decreased the number of gentleman
  - They decreased the number of carpenters

## Document D

11. What evidence proves the Colonists did **NOT** have good relations with the natives?
- Francis West and thirty-six men sailed up the Chesapeake Bay to try to trade for corn with the Patawomeke Indians.
  - With luck they might be more friendly.
  - Leaving the colonist to the Indians and to God
  - The success involved some harsh and cruel dealings by cutting off two of the savages heads.

## Document E

12. According to the table, in the summer of 1609-1610 what killed about half the settlers?
- Native conflicts
  - Starvation
  - Lack of freshwater
  - Disease and sickness