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Virginia

1607, John Smith & colonists settled in Jamestown, Virginia

Swampy, mosquito infested with disease
chose a poor site

English started stealing food
Powhatan stopped assisting

Relationship with tribes soon deteriorated

English starved

inspired by hopes of making profit for gold & silver

town named after King James I

Algonquin people also hoped to profit with trade

Powhatan also hoped for support from English (wars against other tribes).

War Against Powhatan

Virginia Company sent more weapons & men to the colony

many native Americans died from warfare & disease from English

— proportions changed
100 colonists to 40,000,
20,000 Algonquins to 2,000

Smoking tobacco became more popular
no profit from gold or silver, but from tobacco

Profit

discouraged other farming

Virginia company changed to tobacco farming

tobacco farming ruined soil; increased tension with Algonquins

Labour

drawbacks

Colonists brought in servants

indentured (both male & female) paid with food & shelter

many died or didn't meet the demands for the labour

brought in African slaves