Jamestown Begins

Find when a community began and who helped start it.

2.H.1 "Identify when the local community was established, and identify its founders and early settlers."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the year Jamestown began, circle the group that founded it, and write 1 beside the name of an early settler.

A New Settlement by the River

1. Jamestown was established in 1607 beside the James River in Virginia. The Virginia Company of London sent ships from England to start this settlement. The land was already home to Native peoples, including the Powhatan people.

2. The Virginia Company was the group that founded Jamestown. Its ships brought the first English settlers in 1607. John Smith was one of those settlers. He helped build the fort and later led the settlement.

3. At first, the settlers built a wooden fort for shelter. They looked for fresh water and tried to grow food. Powhatan people lived in the area before the English arrived. Jamestown was a new English community, not an empty place.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What year was Jamestown established?

2. What group founded Jamestown?

3. Name one early English settler of Jamestown.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences for a history sign. Tell when Jamestown began, then explain how its founders and early settlers helped in different ways.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the year Jamestown began, circle the group that founded it, and write 1 beside the name of an early settler. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What year was Jamestown established?	**1607.**
2	What group founded Jamestown?	**The Virginia Company of London.**
3	Name one early English settler of Jamestown.	**John Smith.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Jamestown began in 1607 when the Virginia Company sent ships to start it. John Smith was an early settler who helped build the fort and later led the settlement.

Accept Virginia Company for the founder's name. For the sign, look for the year, the company's role in starting the settlement, and an early settler's work there.