Rivers and Roots

How Native communities shaped the Jamestown region

3.H.1 "Identify and describe how Native Americans impacted the development of local and regional communities."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline four details that show how Native people shaped villages, trade, Jamestown, or the region today. Number the details 1 to 4 so you can find them again.

Communities Along the Rivers

1. Long before the English built Jamestown in 1607, Powhatan communities lived along the rivers of what is now Virginia. Families grew corn, beans, and squash near their villages. They also caught fish and gathered food from nearby woods. These skills helped their villages grow. The rivers were like roads. People used canoes to visit other villages and carry goods for trade.

2. After the English arrived, Powhatan people traded food with the new settlement at Jamestown. In return, they received goods such as copper and tools. Food from Native communities helped the English during times when the settlers had little to eat. Trade linked villages and Jamestown, but the groups did not always get along. Fighting also harmed both Native communities and the English settlement.

3. Native influence can still be seen in the region. The Chickahominy River is named for the Chickahominy people, a Native people who lived near it. Their name helps people remember who lived there long before Jamestown. Native communities did not disappear. Today, Chickahominy and other Native people in Virginia keep their cultures strong and share their history with neighbors.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did growing crops help Powhatan villages?

2. How did using canoes on the rivers help connect villages?

3. How did Powhatan trade affect the settlement at Jamestown?

4. How does the name Chickahominy River affect what people know about the region today?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine you are writing a sign for a river walk near Jamestown. In three sentences, explain two different ways Native people shaped communities in this region and why people should know about their contributions today. Use your own words.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline four details that show how Native people shaped villages, trade, Jamestown, or the region today. Number the details 1 to 4 so you can find them again. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did growing crops help Powhatan villages?	**Growing corn, beans, and squash gave families food and helped their villages grow.**
2	How did using canoes on the rivers help connect villages?	**People used canoes to visit other villages and carry goods for trade.**
3	How did Powhatan trade affect the settlement at Jamestown?	**Powhatan people traded food that helped the settlers when they had little to eat.**
4	How does the name Chickahominy River affect what people know about the region today?	**The name helps people remember the Chickahominy people who lived near the river before Jamestown.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Powhatan farmers raised food for their villages and traded food to people at Jamestown. Native canoes carried people and goods between river villages, helping communities stay connected. People should know this history because Native people helped shape the region and still live there today.

Accept answers that accurately explain an effect described in the passage, even if students use different words. For Part 3, look for two distinct contributions, a reason to remember them, and three sentences.