

New People, New Colony

Analyze how Africans and English women changed Jamestown.

VS.3.f "analyzing the impact of the arrival of Africans and women to the Jamestown settlement; and"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline facts that show how Africans changed the colony. Circle facts that show how English women changed it, then number one detail that shows the groups were treated differently.

Jamestown Changes

- ① When Jamestown began in 1607, most English settlers were men and boys. Life was harsh, and the colony struggled to last. In 1608, two English women arrived. More English women came later. They helped build homes, care for children, and form families. Their presence helped turn a small work camp into a community where people could plan to stay.
- ② In 1619, the first recorded Africans arrived in Virginia at Point Comfort, near Jamestown. English sailors traded about 20 captive Africans for supplies. These men and women came from west central Africa and brought knowledge, skills, languages, and traditions. Their arrival added African workers to the colony. Some early Africans gained freedom, but laws later forced many African people and their children into lifelong slavery.
- ③ As tobacco farms grew, plantation owners demanded more labor. The forced labor of enslaved Africans became a major part of Virginia's tobacco economy. African and English people formed families and passed on traditions. Africans and English women both shaped Jamestown's future, but many Africans were denied freedoms that English women had. Looking at each group's experience shows why the colony grew and how unfair systems developed.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did English women help Jamestown become a community where people could stay?

2 What did the arrival of Africans add to the colony?

3 How did later laws affect many African people and their children?

4 What are two different ways the arrivals of English women and Africans shaped Jamestown's future?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a three-sentence museum label about changes in Jamestown. In the first sentence, explain one impact of English women. In the second sentence, explain one impact of Africans. In the third sentence, compare their freedom or treatment.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline facts that show how Africans changed the colony. Circle facts that show how English women changed it, then number one detail that shows the groups were treated differently. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did English women help Jamestown become a community where people could stay?	They helped build homes, care for children, and form families.
2	What did the arrival of Africans add to the colony?	It added African men and women, along with their knowledge, skills, languages, and traditions.
3	How did later laws affect many African people and their children?	The laws forced many African people and their children into lifelong slavery.
4	What are two different ways the arrivals of English women and Africans shaped Jamestown's future?	English women helped create families and increase the population. Africans contributed skills, traditions, and families; enslaved Africans were forced to work in the tobacco economy.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

English women helped Jamestown become a lasting community by forming families. African men and women brought skills and traditions, formed families, and provided labor, often by force. Both groups shaped the colony, but later laws forced many Africans and their children into lifelong slavery while English women were not subject to those laws.

Accept passage-based examples of English women building families and Africans contributing labor, skills, culture, and families. Compare English women with African men and women: later laws forced many Africans and their children into lifelong slavery. Do not treat all women as exempt from slavery.