America

The Story of US- Rebels

1. How long was the voyage by ship from Europe to America?
2. Within how many months of arrival did many European immigrants die?
3. Describe America’s appearance (land/animals) when European settlers first arrived?
4. What are 3 reasons that Jamestown settlers died so quickly?
5. What crop made it possible for Jamestown to flourish was America’s largest export for over a century?
6. What is the main reason the inhabitants of Plymouth, pilgrims, came to America?
7. What percentage of American’s living today can trace their ancestry back to the Mayflower?
8. What are 3 benefits of becoming an American vs. being a European?
9. What object fueled America’s economy in the mid/late 1700s much like oil fuels our economy today?
10. Between 1700-1800 how many African slaves were brought to America, “purchased” in Africa mainly by trading rum?
11. Which city had the first weekly newspaper?
12. Who created the first ‘postal service’?
13. England banned settlements to protect Native American lands west of the Appalachians by creating a boundary called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Line.
14. Every town across the colonies had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, made up of ‘ordinary’ men, to fight the British.
15. The first shot fired at Lexington is known as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

1. What was the Powhatan Confederacy and how did this group interact with the British settlers?

2. What were the most difficult challenges faced by the Plymouth and Jamestown settlers? Do you think they could have done anything to prepare more adequately for life in the Americas?

3. What role did disease play in encounters between native groups and the first British settlers?

4. Who was Prince Estabrook and what was his contribution to American history?

5. In this episode, America is referred to as a “social experiment.” What do you think this phrase means? Do you think the “experiment” is still ongoing?

Powhatan Address by Captain John Smith 1609

“I am now grown old and must soon die, and the succession must descend in order, to my brothers, Opitchapam, Opechancanough, and Kekataugh, and then to

my two sisters, and their two daughters. I wish their experience was equal to mine, and that

your love to us might not be less than ours to you. Why should you take by force that from us which you can have by love? Why should you destroy us who have provided you with food? What can you get by war? We can hide our provisions and fly into the woods. And

then you must consequently famish by wrongdoing your friends. What is the cause of your jealousy? You see us unarmed and willing to supply your wants if you come in a friendly manner; not with swords and guns as to invade an enemy. I am not so simple as not to know that it is better to eat good meat, lie well, and sleep quietly with my women and children; to laugh and be merry with the English... I, therefore, exhort you to peaceable councils, and above all I insist that the guns and swords, the cause of all our jealousy and uneasiness, be removed and sent away.

1. What do you think was Powhatan’s overall message to John Smith?

2. What do you think Powhatan meant by “you must consequently famish by wrongdoing your friends”?