

Secrets of the Dead: "Death at Jamestown"

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Where was Jamestown located?
2. Why did the settlers choose this location?
3. What were the occupations of the original groups of colonists?
4. What problems did colonists face in the early years?
5. What did the colonists eat?
6. What happened to the colonists during the winter of 1609-1610?
7. Describe the evidence used to support each of the following theories explaining the widespread death of Jamestown colonists.
 - a. Starvation
 - b. Disease
 - c. Political unrest leading to murder
 - d. Arsenic poisoning

Homework Assignment (separate grade): Assume the role of a Jamestown settler. Write a one-page letter home to England, describing the difficulties you have faced in America. Consider while writing your letter:

- How has the lack of food at Jamestown affected you and the other settlers?
- What exactly was happening in the Jamestown colony in 1609-1610?
- What have fellow settlers such as John Smith said about the hardships that you are currently facing?
- What are possible solutions to the problems that you are facing?