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# Discovering Jamestown

**Social Studies, History, Geography**

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5 programs of varying lengths for Grades 4 - 6

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*Discovering Jamestown* is a series of five 5-9 minute video programs exploring the People of the Jamestown Colony: The Africans, English, and Indians, the Voyage from England to Jamestown, and the Jamestown legacy that extends and impacts into modern times. Supporting teacher resources are available on the WEB at [historyisfun.org](http://historyisfun.org)

## **1. The Voyage to Virginia**

This five (5) minute video program explores the background and conditions of the long and difficult voyage from England to Virginia made by the first settlers. These colonists endured many hardships and unexpected challenges throughout the voyage which continued upon their arrival in Virginia. After some weeks of searching for a suitable site for the colony, they selected a marshy peninsula and named their colony Jamestown, in honor of King James I of England. Thus began America's first permanent settlement in the America.

## **2. The English**

This six (6) minute video program discusses the basis for English interests in the colonization of Virginia and the formation of the Virginia Company of London. It also focuses on English society in the 17<sup>th</sup> - century including religion and government.

## **3. The Powhatan Indians**

This eight (8) minute video program focuses on the Virginia Indians that inhabited the area that became Jamestown when the English first arrived in 1607. The program reviews Powhatan society, government, religion and economics, and highlights Wahunsonacock, also known as Powhatan.

## **4. The West Central Africans**

This eight (8) minute video program explores 17<sup>th</sup>-century African culture and society, the interaction between Europeans and Africans, and the arrival of the first Africans at Jamestown, Virginia in August, 1619.

## **5. The Legacy**

This nine (9) minute video program traces the English voyage to Virginia and the establishment of the Jamestown settlement. It explores issues of survival, self governance, economics, and slavery. Jamestown's legacies include free enterprise, private land ownership, representative government and cultural diversity.

## **6. A 21-minute compilation of all 5 short programs**