

Grade: Fourth Grade

Subject: VA Studies

Jamestown in Minecraft Edu

Background: You have been studying Jamestown and its place in history as the first permanent English settlement in America. You have studied why and where the colony was built, what was used to build the fort, how the buildings were constructed, and what kind of tools were used.

Design Challenge: While in Minecraft Creative Mode, you will Design and build the settlement so that it resembles the first Jamestown settlement (see pictures). Your buildings should represent the original design of the fort. There should be room inside your fort for appropriate buildings as well as the tools and other belongings the settlers used in their day-to-day life. Oh and one last thing, you can only use items from your inventory that settlers would have had access to back then.

Criteria:

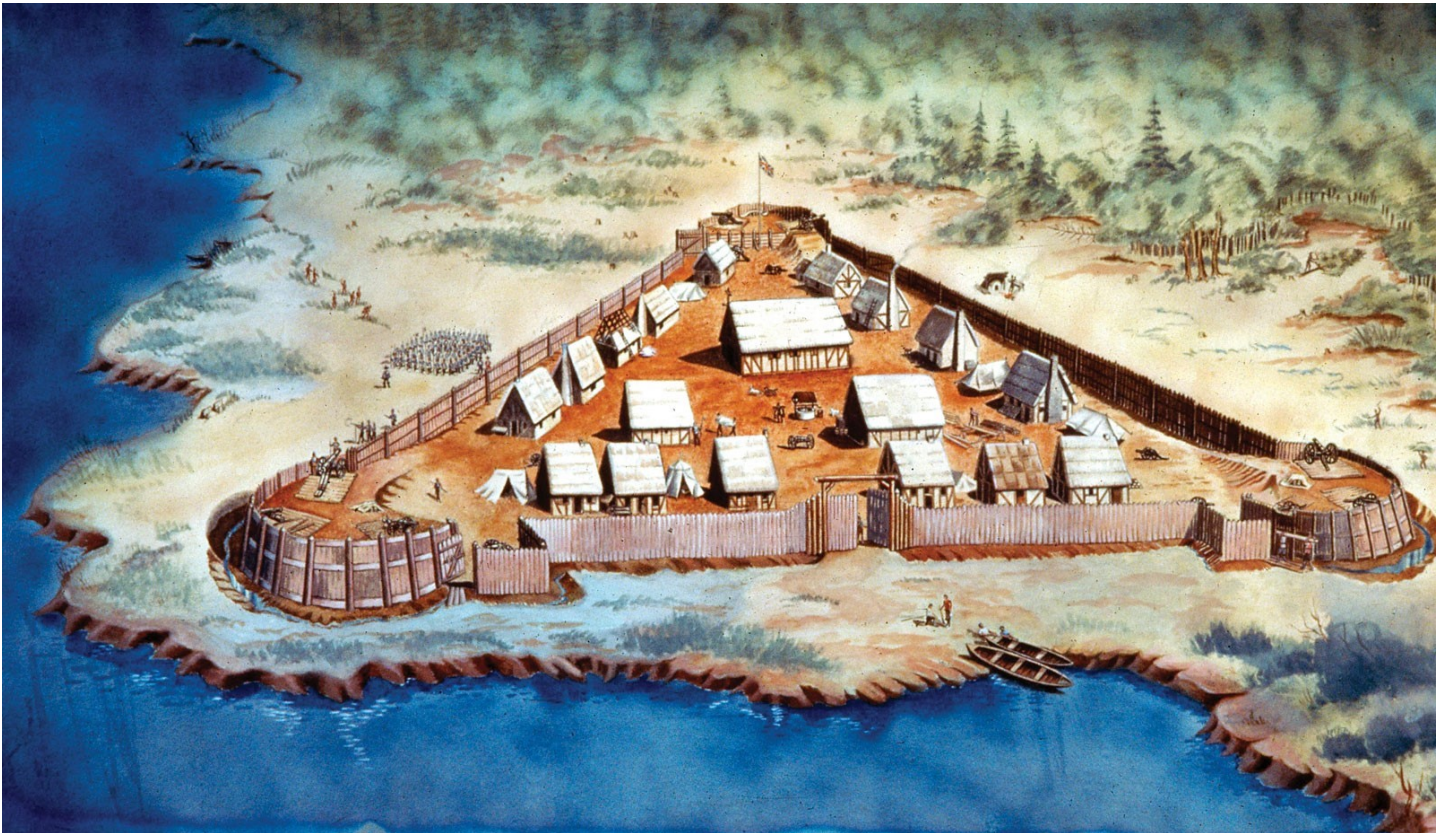
- Represent the design of the original fort.
- Contain buildings inside the fort appropriate to the first settlement.
- Have tools and other belongings that settlers would have used in their day to day life.

Materials:

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| • <u>Wood</u> | • <u>Stone</u> | • <u>Iron</u> |
| • <u>Seeds</u> | • <u>String</u> | • <u>Dirt</u> |
| • <u>Sand</u> | | |

Tools:

- Laptop or Computer connected to the internet
- MinecraftEdu account
- OPTIONAL: Mouse



Adapted from <https://education.minecraft.net/lessons/jamestown-settlement/>

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•SOLs: History and Social Science VS.1, VS.3; Science 4.1, English 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6

Rubric:

Criteria Assessed	No Evidence 0	Attempts to meet criteria shows limited understanding 1	Meets some criteria with room for improvement 2	Meets most criteria with room from improvement 3	Meets all criteria 4
Guided Portfolio					
The student brainstormed multiple ideas.					
The student included notes or sketches about problems that occurred and their solutions.					
Project					
Settlement design modeled in the original design of a fort					
Buildings inside the fort were appropriate for the first settlement.					
For contained tools and belonging typical of settlers.					
Oral Presentation/Group Work					
Offered help and suggestions to others as needed.					
The student can describe their fort using accurate vocabulary.					
The student stayed on track.					
The student did not use tools inappropriate for the assignment.					