Jamestown: Guided Reading Questions

1. What was the primary reason for the English establishing a colony at Jamestown?

2.  From the point of view of King James what were the advantages of funding colonization using joint stock companies?

3. Why was Jamestown chosen as a location for the new colony?

4. What were the disadvantages of Jamestown’s location as a colony?

5. What were the main reasons that the Powhatan and Jamestown colonists came into conflict?

6. Consider the goals of both the Powhatan and the English. Come up with a plan for how conflict and war could have been avoided and both sides could have lived in peace.

7.  Summarize the causes and effects of the starving time at Jamestown.

8. How did the tobacco boom change the situation at Jamestown?

9. Why is the Jamestown colony significant to American history?