

## **Sample Jamestown Paragraph: Conflict was inevitable**

Poor conditions in England motivated people to settle in Virginia and made conflict between the English and Powhatan inevitable. England was in bad shape in the 1600's because it was overpopulated and very poor. There were some wealthy people but they owned most of the land and most people were landless and poor. Many beggars lived in the streets of the cities and the life of the average English person was pretty miserable. All of these factors motivated many English people to seek a better life in the New World and many came to settle in Jamestown which was England's first permanent colony in America. Often misled by stories and false advertisements, people came to Virginia expecting available land, comfortable surroundings, and greater opportunities than they had back in England. Virginia, it turned out, was already owned and populated by the Powhatan tribe which set the stage for a conflict that was impossible to avoid. The streams of people leaving England for a better life would not stop and once here people did not go back. The English people felt desperate and greedy and understood that a better life in America meant conflict with its native people and that was exactly what happened. The desperation caused by shortages and poverty in England led to conflict being inevitable between the two groups. No matter how hard people may have tried to have a peaceful existence, the desirous people made it impossible for the two groups to get along and eventually there would be conflict. The poor conditions in England were not going to change and this led to bad mindsets and these factors guaranteed conflict with the Indians once the English settled in Jamestown.