

Jamestown Essay Paragraph Planning Page (Example)

EQ: How did the English and Powhatan interact with and relate to each other? Was conflict between them inevitable?

Directions: Plan out a paragraph that argues that conflict between the Powhatan and English was *NOT* inevitable.

Step 1: Body paragraph #1: What point are you trying to prove in this paragraph? State it briefly.

Background conditions in England

Step 2: Evidence: What specific historical events, evidence, and ideas can you find to help you discuss the point from Step 2 and prove your thesis? Make a list.

- England was poor, overpopulated and crowded
- There were many beggars and homeless people in England
- Many ads in England misled people to want to move to Virginia
- England had scarce resources

Step 3: Connecting and Reasoning: Write a brief explanation of how your evidence from Step 2 proves your point and proves your thesis. In other words, explain why conflict was not inevitable based on the facts you just listed.

Many of these factors made people want to move to Virginia but they didn't have to have to lead to conflict. Both groups were still better off cooperating. England could have gotten what it wanted and the Powhatan could have gotten what they wanted by getting along. Peace was possible if they tried harder.

Step 4: Topic Sentence: Use steps 1 through 3 to write a clearly worded topic sentence that states the point you're trying to make in your paragraph.

Poor conditions in England motivated people to settle in Virginia but those people could have had a peaceful existence with the Powhatan.

Step 5: Write a body paragraph based on the planning you've done above.

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People were going to want to come to Virginia no matter what since they were so desperate. So many people were coming to Virginia to take what was there and what belonged to the Powhatan that there was no way to stop this conflict from happening. The English did not seem interested in sharing which made long term cooperation impossible.

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