

# The Native Peoples and the English Settlers' Interactions

During the early years in Jamestown, the native peoples and the English settlers were civil towards one another. Captain John Smith had set up trading relationships with the native peoples. The native peoples traded mainly food with the English in exchange for tools, pots, and copper for jewelry.

The native peoples also helped the Jamestown settlers survive in many ways. First, Powhatan, chief of many tribes, provided leadership to his people and taught the settlers survival skills. Second, Pocahontas, daughter of Powhatan, served as a contact between the native peoples and the English. Third, the native peoples showed the settlers how to plant corn and tobacco.

However, over time, the native peoples realized the English settlement would continue to grow and the native peoples began to see the settlers as invaders who would take over their land.