

**WHERE (AND WHY)
DID THE VIRGINIA
COMPANY OF
LONDON SETTLE?**

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THE SETTLERS DECIDED TO START THE COLONY ON A NARROW PENINSULA THAT WAS BORDERED ON THREE SIDES BY THE JAMES RIVER



Captain John Smith maintained a peace with the nearby Algonquian Indians. At the time, almost 30 tribes of the Eastern Woodlands Indians lived in Virginia. The Indian tribes formed a confederation led by Chief Powhatan.

REASONS FOR SITE CHOICE

- The settlers chose this site for many reasons:
 - Instructions from England told the settlers to find a suitable place for the colony
 - The location could be easily defended by Spanish attack by sea
 - The water along the shore was deep enough to dock their ships
 - They thought the site had a good supply of fresh drinking water



- Due to the erosion of the James Peninsula, now Jamestown is located on an Island in the James River!

