

To Captain John Smith & the Settlers Bound for Virginia:

We trust that you will want to avoid the fate of the colonists at Roanoke. And, of course, we are interested in protecting our investment by establishing a colony that will be profitable as soon as possible. We expect that you will follow our instructions precisely when choosing your site and in other matters that are important to this enterprise.

Criteria for Site:

- 1. Must sit upstream on a major river flowing from the northwest for easy access to the sea*
- 2. Must sit where the river narrows so that musket fire can reach enemy ships from both banks*
- 3. Must be no Indian settlement between the sit and the sea*
- 4. Must be a healthful and fertile place.*

When you have chosen the spot, return the enclosed map noting your location. Provide details proving that you have justified our investment by selecting a site that will allow you to defend yourselves against the Spanish and the Indians and that will provide a return on our investment. Include a sketch of your settlement including its basic shape, location of defensive structures, and division of space within the settlement.

Stockholders of The Virginia Company

London, England

Winter 1607

Settlement by the Virginia Company

The year is 1607. You are a member of the crew hired by Captain John Smith to voyage to the New World and settle a colony in the land of Virginia. Before you board your ship to begin your expedition, you receive a packet from the stockholders of the Virginia Company, which is financing your journey. With your Captain, your crew must work together to produce a reply to the Virginia Company's instructions; then each crew member must submit their own analysis of the chosen location to be assessed by the Virginia Company.

As a crew: Respond in writing to the letter you have received from the Stockholders of the Virginia Company.

- a) Locate your settlement on the map by using the provided quill.
- b) Justify your choice of location based on your ability to defend
- c) Sketch the settlement including the information asked for by the Stockholders

As an individual: Individually respond to the Virginia Company Stockholders with your own analysis.

- a) Describe the process by which the crew chose its site.
- b) What problems exist with your chosen location?
- c) What effects are these problems likely to have on the colonists?

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- Ordinariae Domus
- ✦ Lacubrationes An- glorum



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MANGOAGS.

Meridies

Septentrio

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Miliaria Germanica communia

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