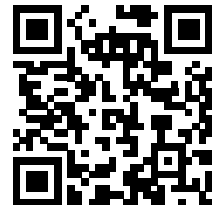


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# Indentured Servitude in Jamestown



In the early 1600s, Jamestown was the first permanent English \_\_\_\_\_ in North America. The colonists faced many hardships, including disease, \_\_\_\_\_, and conflicts with the Native Americans. To survive and grow, they needed more \_\_\_\_\_. Indentured servants became a solution to this problem. An indentured servant was a \_\_\_\_\_ who agreed to work for a certain number of years in exchange for passage to America, food, and \_\_\_\_\_. Most indentured servants worked in fields, growing tobacco and other crops.

These servants signed a contract, or \_\_\_\_\_, which usually lasted between four to seven years. During this time, they were not free and had to obey their \_\_\_\_\_. In return, the masters provided them with basic necessities. Life as an indentured servant was \_\_\_\_\_. They often worked long hours in difficult conditions. Many did not survive the harsh treatment and \_\_\_\_\_.

However, for some, indentured servitude was an opportunity. At the end of their contract, they were given "freedom \_\_\_\_\_", which might include land, money, or goods. This allowed them to start a new life in \_\_\_\_\_. Some former servants became successful farmers or merchants.

Indentured servitude was essential for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the colony. It provided the labor needed to grow the economy. However, it also laid the \_\_\_\_\_ for a more oppressive labor system. As the demand for labor increased, the colony turned to \_\_\_\_\_ slaves. Unlike indentured servants, slaves were not freed after a certain period and were treated as \_\_\_\_\_ for life.

In conclusion, indentured servitude played a crucial role in the early years of \_\_\_\_\_. It helped the colony survive and prosper but also set the stage for the transition to \_\_\_\_\_. Understanding this system helps us see the complexities of the \_\_\_\_\_ of labor in America.

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