Jamestown's Early Days



Jamestown was the first permanent English		in America. It
was founded in 1607. The se	ttlers faced many challenges. T	hey had to deal with
M	any people got sick and died. Th	e settlers also had
problems with	. They did not know how to farm in the new	
land. They relied on supplie	s from England.	
Relations with the Native were tense. So		se. Sometimes they
traded peacefully. Other tin	nes, they fought. The	of the
colony, John Smith, played a key role. He helped the		survive
by making them work hard.	He famously said, "He who does i	not work, will not eat."
be	came a very important crop in .	Jamestown. It was
introduced by John	Tobacco farm	ing made the colony
profitable. This attracted more settlers. Over		, Jamestown
grew. It became the capital of the Virginia		The settlement
marked the beginning of En	glish colonization in America. It	rs
pa	ved the way for future colonies.	
Despite its early struggles, Jamestown left a lasting		I t
showed that a permanent Er	nglish settlement was possible. '	This encouraged further
an	d colonization. Jamestown playe	ed a crucial role in
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