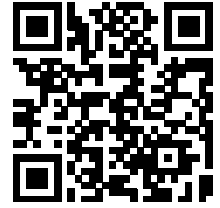


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# Virginia's Beginnings



The Elizabethan Age of Exploration was a time of great discovery and \_\_\_\_\_. During this period, England began to explore and establish \_\_\_\_\_ in the New World. One of the most important efforts was the establishment of the colony of \_\_\_\_\_. Named after Queen Elizabeth I, the "Virgin Queen," Virginia represented England's \_\_\_\_\_ in the Americas.

The first attempt to colonize Virginia was led by Sir Walter \_\_\_\_\_ in 1585. Raleigh sent a group of settlers to Roanoke Island, but the colony faced many \_\_\_\_\_. These included conflicts with local Native American tribes, food shortages, and difficult \_\_\_\_\_. Despite these difficulties, the effort to establish Virginia continued.

In 1607, a new group of \_\_\_\_\_, sponsored by the London Company, arrived in Virginia. They founded the settlement of \_\_\_\_\_. This was the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. Jamestown struggled initially, with many settlers dying from \_\_\_\_\_ and lack of supplies. However, the colony eventually found success through the cultivation of \_\_\_\_\_, which became a profitable export.

The role of Virginia in the Elizabethan Age of \_\_\_\_\_ was significant. It marked the beginning of England's expansion into the New World and laid the foundation for future \_\_\_\_\_. The lessons learned from the early struggles in Virginia helped shape the development of other English \_\_\_\_\_. Additionally, Virginia's success in tobacco farming demonstrated the economic potential of the New World.

\_\_\_\_\_ also played a role in shaping relationships between English settlers and Native \_\_\_\_\_. The interactions, both positive and negative, influenced future \_\_\_\_\_ and attitudes towards indigenous peoples. The story of Virginia is one of perseverance, \_\_\_\_\_, and the drive to explore new frontiers.

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