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Big Picture Question (BPQ): Which one of the **PEGS** social studies concepts (**P**olitical, **E**conomic, **G**eographic, **S**ocial/Cultural) best describes the motivations and activities of the English colonists in Virginia?

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| Generalizations/Topics/Questions | Details and specific information |
| --  --  --  --  --  -- | A company backed by investors, profits and losses are shared  This business was created to finance and support an English colony in the New World  Written permission from the King to establish a business or colony  -In 1607 the VCL sent an expedition to the New World and about 100 colonists settled near the James River;  -this became the first permanent English settlement in America  -it was a swampy area and diseases spread from mosquitos and other causes  -many people did not work at farming and gathering food and instead hoped to find easy riches and gold  -within a year by 1608 there were only 38 alive  -a soldier who takes over control of the colony and makes people work for the success of the colony – e.g. buidling a fort and farming  -he also persuaded the Powhatan Native Americans to trade  -when John Smith returned to England the Powhatan stopped cooperating and trading with the English; the winter of 1608-9 is especially bad with many people dying |

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| --  --  --  --  -- | -this soldier and leader promotes the farming of tobacco as a cash crop and the colony finally starts to create a profit for the investors  -smoking this plant became popular in England and growing it in America creates prosperity (a growing economy)  -the English start bringing in African slaves to do the work on the plantations to grow cotton and other crops  -the English also use indentured servants (people who were forced to work for a certain amount of time before they became free)  -The English and the Native Americans in the area had both positive and negative interactions; the Powhatan were suspicious of the newcomers because of bad interactions with other Europeans; over time more peaceful and cooperative arrangements developed, especially when Pocahontas married John Rolfe  -The first representative assembly of the English in the colonies in 1619; created to give more local control to the colonists who owned property and who were not indentured servants or slaves |

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