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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 sharedThis business was created to finance and support an English colony in the New WorldWritten 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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