

The Social System of the Jamestown Settlers



- ◆ *What were the elements of the Jamestown settlement? Explain how they looked. What were the types of houses? Who were the people? Generally, how big was the settlement?*
- ◆ *What were the boundaries of the Jamestown settlement? How were houses within the boundaries situated in relation to each other?*
- ◆ *People also have boundaries; what levels existed within the social structure?*
- ◆ *What were the inputs to the social system? What were the forces that unified the settlers?*
- ◆ *What were the outputs of the social system? What lines of division were drawn among the people within Jamestown and those living outside its boundaries?*
- ◆ *What were the interactions between the elements and levels of the social system?*
- ◆ *How might the interactions and outputs of the Jamestown settlement's social system have changed when its inputs, elements, or boundaries changed?*
- ◆ *What was productive about the social system of the Jamestown settlers during the Colonial Era?*
- ◆ *What were some problems or examples of dysfunction in the social system that the settlers had to face?*
- ◆ *The social system of the Jamestown settlers was made up of what smaller systems?*

- ◆ *How were the individuals in the social system interdependent with other members of the settlement or those outside the settlement?*
- ◆ *How did the social system of the Jamestown colonists adapt when their settlement grew?*

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