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Handout

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Political System of the Powhatan Confederacy

- What were the elements of the Powhatan political system?
- Who was the leader of the Powhatan Confederacy?
- What were the political boundaries of the system? How much authority did Chief Powhatan have? How were other tribes loyal to him?
- Describe the authority of Chief Powhatan and how he and his people may have interacted.
- ◆ How might the interactions and outputs of the Powhatan Confederacy have changed when its inputs, elements, or boundaries changed? Think of the Jamestown colonists as new inputs. How did interactions and outputs of the Powhatan Confederacy change with the arrival of these new elements to their environment?
- ◆ How was the political system of the Powhatan productive during the Colonial Era?
- ♦ What were some of the internal problems or examples of dysfunction the tribe had to face?
- What were problems or examples of dysfunction the political system of the Powhatan had to face?
- The political system of the Powhatan Confederacy was made up of what smaller systems?
- How were the individuals in the political system interdependent with members of the village or those outside the village?
- How did the political system of the Powhatan Confederacy adapt when the Jamestown colonists became part of their environment?

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