

Section One

# *Your Adventure Begins*

Student Packet

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# Four Months!

The Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery spent more than 4 months voyaging to Virginia. Today's adventurers would have many more options to keep themselves occupied. Make a list of activities and items

Complete the calendar activity ("How Long is Four Months?") on the next page. Then answer these questions:

1. What would be the hardest part about being aboard ship for 4 months?

2. You have a small bag of personal items (about the size of a small grocery bag). What will you include to help you endure the boredom aboard ship? (Remember... in 1607 electricity is not yet discovered!)



3. What games and activities do you know that don't need special materials?
4. Why do you suppose singing and music were so important to sailors and adventurers?

# How Long is Four Months?

To imagine just how long the colonists spent voyaging to Virginia, chart the last 4 months in **your** life.

### START WITH THE BOTTOM BOX!

1. Write this month's name in the oval box labeled "5th." Then write this month's days from 1 to today's date. (Use a calendar for accuracy.)
2. Now write the previous months in the oval boxes, adding dates to the small boxes. You will probably not use all the boxes!
3. Starting with today's date, count back 122 days. Circle that date, and mark any **milestones\*** that have passed.

1st


2nd


3rd


4th


5th


← Start here.

\*What are **milestones**? These are special dates you remember... like birthdays, holidays, starting school, moving. Remembering these helps us realize how fast (or slow) time passes.

# Examine Your Provisions

The Journey to Jamestown in 1607 was filled with uncertainty. The Adventurers knew that they could only depend upon what they brought with them: food (especially flour), seeds, livestock, medicine, weapons, ammunition, tools, and all personal belongings. These were called the “Necessary Provisions.”



On these next pages you will have an opportunity to examine a copy of the original List of Provisions the Virginia Company created to help their colonists. Unfortunately the first colonists bound for Jamestown did not have this list. Many of them would die of starvation and disease within six months of arriving in Virginia. Colonists who came in later expeditions would benefit from the terrible experiences of the First Residents.

## *Some Definitions*

**Aquavitae**: alcohol used as medicine

**Bandaleere**: bandolier; a soldier's belt used to carry cartridges

**Bushel**: 8 gallons

**Canarie Sack**: bottled red wine (Spanish style from the Canary Islands)

**Currants**: raisins

**Ells**: an old measurement equal to 45 inches

**Falling bands**: plain, broad, linen collars that turned down over a jacket

**Frize**: heavy woolen material, fuzzy on one side

**Frove**: a wedge-shaped tool for splitting wood

**Gammons**: hams

**Garters**: bands used to keep stockings and pant legs in place

**Gimblet**: a small boring tool

**Hand-bil**: a curved blade or knife for clearing brush, wordworking, or other tasks

**Howes**: hoes

**Monmouth Cap**: knitted woolen cap (see illustration)

**Neat**: any member of the cow family

**Pale**: a wood section of a palisade wall

**Peece, piece**: firearm or musket

**Percer**: a tool for starting holes in wood or metal

**Points**: cords used to lace up clothing

**Victuall**: food

**Waste-coate**: similar to a vest



### **WEB RESOURCES**

Websters Unabridged Dictionary (1913):

<http://www.bootlegbooks.com/Reference/Webster/data/1028.html>

Dictionary of Phrase and Fable:

<http://www.bootlegbooks.com/Reference/PhraseAndFable/Default.htm>

## *John Smith's 1627 List of Provisions*

Besides the human cargo of passengers and crew, the *Susan Constant*, *Discovery*, and *Godspeed* had to carry enough food for both the voyage and the first weeks in Virginia. In 1627 Captain John Smith listed in his book, *A Sea Grammar*, the important supplies that all ships should carry. Some items you will recognize, but others may be quite unusual. On the following page is a section from the Virginia Company's 1622 List of Necessary Provisions.

**Can you match each underlined item with its modern-language equivalent?**

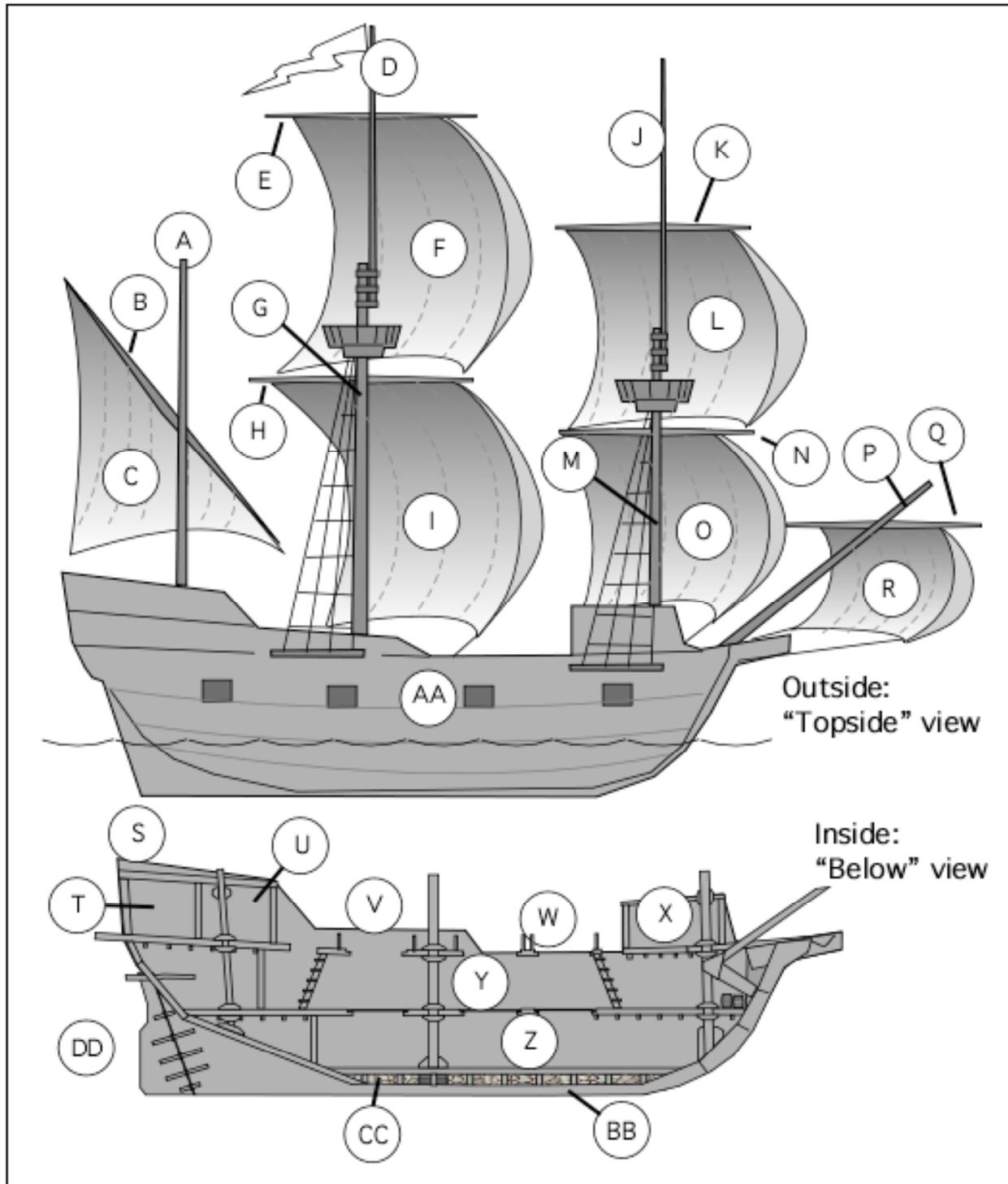
<u>John Smith's List of Provisions</u>	<u>Modern Language Equivalents</u>
<p><i>Fine wheat flour, close and well-packed.</i></p> <p><i>Rice.</i></p> <p><u>Currants</u></p> <p><i>Sugar</i></p> <p><i>Prunes</i></p> <p><i>Cinnamon</i></p> <p><i>Ginger</i></p> <p><i>Pepper</i></p> <p><i>Cloves</i></p> <p><i>Green Ginger</i></p> <p><i>Oil</i></p> <p><i>Butter</i></p> <p><i>Holland Cheese, or "old cheese."</i></p> <p><i>Wine Vinegar</i></p> <p><u>Canarie Sack</u></p> <p><u>Aqua Vitae</u></p> <p><i>Fine Wines</i></p> <p><i>Pure water</i></p> <p><i>Lemon Juice [for Scurvy]</i></p> <p><i>White Biscuit</i></p> <p><i>Oatmeal</i></p> <p><u>Gammons</u></p> <p><i>Bacon</i></p> <p><u>Dried Neat's Tongues</u></p> <p><u>Beefe, packed in vinegar</u></p> <p><u>Legs of Mutton, minced and stewed, close-packed with tried sewet or butter in earthen pots.</u></p> <p><b>TO ENTERTAIN STRANGERS:</b></p> <p><i>Marmelade, <u>Suckets</u>, <u>Almonds</u>, <u>Comfits</u>, and such like.</i></p>	<p>Raisins:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Red Spanish wine (from the Canary Islands):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Alcohol (used as medicine):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Ham; a leg of a swine:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Cow's tongue:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Preserved Sheep legs:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Pickled Beef:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Hard fat from cow kidneys:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Dried, sweetened fruit, root, or seed (2 words):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

## *List of Necessary Provisions ~ Virginia Company 1622*

<i>List of Necessary Provisions: 1622</i>	<b>Modern Language Equivalents</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>THE INCONVENIENCES</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">THAT HAVE HAPPENED TO SOME PERSONS WHICH HAVE TRANSPORTED THEMSELVES from England to Virginia, without provisions necessary to sustain themselves, hath greatly hindered the Progress of that noble Plantation: For prevention of the like disorders hereafter, that no man suffer, either through ignorance or misinformation; it is thought requisite to publish this short declaration: wherein is contained a particular of such necessaries, as either private families or single persons shall have cause to furnish themselves with, for their better support at their first landing in Virginia; whereby also greater numbers may receive in part, directions how to provide themselves.</p> <p>Apparrell for one man, and as after the rate for more.)  <u>One Monmouth Cap</u>            Three falling bands            Three shirts  <u>One waste-coate</u>            One suite of Canvase  <u>One suite of Frize</u>            One suite of Cloth            Three paire of <u>Irish stockings</u>            Foure paire of shooes            One paire of <u>garters</u>  <u>One doozen of points</u>            One paire of Canvase sheets</p> <p><u>Victuall.</u> (For a whole yeere for one man, and so for more after the rate)            Eight bushels of Meale            Two bushels of pease            Two bushels of Oatmeale            One gallon of Aquavita            One gallon of Oyle            Two gallons of Vineger</p> <p><u>Armes.</u> For one man, but if halfe of your men have armour it is sufficient. So that all have Peeces and swords)            One Armour compleat, light  <u>One long Peece</u>, five foot or five and a halfe, neere Musket bore            One sword            One belt            One <u>bandaleere</u>            Twenty pound of powder            Sixty pound of shot or lead, Pistoll and Goose sho</p>	<p>A wool cap: _____</p> <p>Cords to lace up clothing: _____</p> <p>A woolen suit : _____</p> <p>Weapons: _____</p> <p>Food: _____</p> <p>Long rifle: _____</p> <p>Ammunition: _____</p> <p>Holder for gunpowder and shot worn over the shoulders: _____</p> <p>Man's vest: _____</p> <p>Troubles or problems: _____</p> <p>Socks: _____</p> <p>Suspenders to hold up socks and pant legs: _____</p>

# Prepare to Sail

Can you identify these parts of a sailing ship?

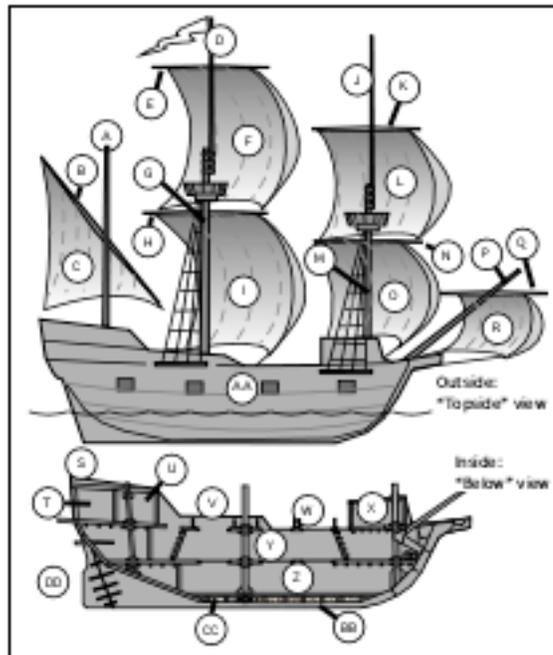


- \_\_\_ 'Tweendeck
- \_\_\_ Ballast
- \_\_\_ Bowsprit
- \_\_\_ Chart house
- \_\_\_ Fore sail yard
- \_\_\_ Fore mast
- \_\_\_ Fore sail
- \_\_\_ Fore top mast
- \_\_\_ Fore top sail
- \_\_\_ Fore top sail yard
- \_\_\_ Forecastle
- \_\_\_ Great cabin
- \_\_\_ Hull
- \_\_\_ Keel
- \_\_\_ Main deck
- \_\_\_ Main Hold
- \_\_\_ Main sail
- \_\_\_ Main sail yard
- \_\_\_ Main top mast
- \_\_\_ Main top sail
- \_\_\_ Main top-sail yard
- \_\_\_ Mainmast
- \_\_\_ Mizzen sail
- \_\_\_ Mizzen yard
- \_\_\_ Mizzenmast
- \_\_\_ Poop Deck
- \_\_\_ Quarterdeck
- \_\_\_ Rudder
- \_\_\_ Sprit sail
- \_\_\_ Sprit sail yard

**TEST YOURSELF ON THESE SHIP TERMS!**

Match each name on the left with a letter that corresponds with the ship diagram. Many of these terms are included on the Journey to Jamestown page, but many are not.

Cross off each letter on the right after you use it. Each will be used only once!



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- B
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