

On the Trail with Captain John Smith

1. Go to <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/games/action-and-adventure/on-the-trail-of-captain-john-smith/>

2. Watch the introduction. If it does not automatically begin, click on "Off to Virginia."

a. What year is it?

b. How many men set sail?

c. Where did they leave?

d. Where were they going?

e. List the three goals of the settlers as they set sail for Jamestown:

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f. Who did they think would feed them?

g. Who did they fear?

h. How many will not survive?

i. Who was John Smith?

3. Click on II. "Building a Fort." Watch the next segment.

a. When did the ships make landfall?

b. Along what river did they settle?

c. Who is the colony named after?

d. What does John Smith think they need to build? Why?

e. What would you do? Click on your answer.

f. What did the colonists decide?

g. What happened?

f. Click on III. "John Smith is Captured!" Watch the short video.

a. At the beginning of the video, what's happening in the colony?

b. What did John Smith do?

c. What happened when Smith's men disobeyed his orders?

d. Would you fire your pistol or surrender? Click on your choice.

e. What really happened?

f. Why was John Smith's life spared?

g. What happened when John Smith is asked to shoot a target with his pistol?

5. Click on IV. "Powhatan's Power." Watch the video.

a. Who was Powhatan?

b. What happened when John Smith met Powhatan?

c. Why did John Smith lie to Powhatan?

d. Who pleaded to save John Smith's life?

e. What would you do – spare his life or kill him? Click on your answer.

f. What happened?

6. Click on V. "Help from the Indians." Watch the video.

a. What happened in Jamestown while John Smith was gone?

b. What did the colonists want to do to John Smith? Did they succeed?

c. What happened to Jamestown?

d. If you were Chief Powhatan, what would you do? Click on your answer.

e. How did the settlers survive the winter?

f. Who was Pocahontas?

g. Did they find gold in Jamestown?

7. Click on VI. "Exploring the Chesapeake." Watch the video.

a. Did they find a Northwest Passage?

b. If you were John Smith what would you do once the settlers named you leader? Click on your answer.

c. What does Smith decide to do?

8. Click on VII. "Adventure on the Bay." Watch the video.

a. With sick soldiers in your boat and angry looking Indians rowing closer – what would you do?

Click on your answer.

b. What did John Smith do?

c. Did it work?

d. Then what did Smith do?

e. Describe some of the ambushes Smith and his men faced.

f. What did John Smith proclaim when he returned to Jamestown?

9. Click on VIII. "What Happened Next?" Watch the video.

a. When did Smith return to England?

b. What agricultural product saved Jamestown?

c. Who did Pocahontas marry? What happened to her?



d. How did colonist-Indian relations change?

e. What is John Smith's legacy?

10. Now that you've completed all the questions – play some games! Pick any of the mini-games to play.