



Video Notes for *Secrets of the Dead: Jamestown's Dark Winter*



The video questions go in the same order as the video. You will not be penalized for minor spelling errors in your responses.

- _____ 1. The first couple of years of Jamestown's history was pretty much a colossal failure. Jamestown was doomed from the start. The colonists settled on a marshy island with no fresh water, where crops failed and ____ flourished.
- _____ 2. The Virginia Company of London offered a chance to start a new life in America, knowing full well how dangerous the enterprise really was. Some on board had left England in the hopes of ____; some hoped for adventure, and some had no choice.
- _____ 3. One of the archaeologists (Jamie May) says that when they were excavating a trash layer of structure 191, "we found that we were getting a little bit of a strange assemblage that included things like cats and dogs and ____."
- _____ 4. Women in the early Jamestown period rarely got mentioned unless they did something naughty. One of the first two women who arrived, Ann Burras, was a maidservant who got in trouble for cheating on ____ ____ for servants and was whipped publicly.
- _____ 5. The archaeologists hoped to extricate the bones in one single ____ ____, leaving the full excavation for the more controlled environment of the lab.
- _____ 6. Within hours, the scientists came to the first major conclusion: they believed they could tell the ____ of the person to whom the remains belonged.
- _____ 7. That summer the colonists had managed to plant a seven-acre stand of ____, but the entire crop had been devoured just three days after Jane arrived.
- _____ 8. The legendary John Smith, president of the colony, was a deeply practical man who trained settlers to farm, ____ ____, and traded with the natives.
- _____ 9. In October of 1609 there was a so-called 'accident' with John Smith's ____ in a pouch in which he was severely injured, though the British historian Horn thinks it was really an assassination attempt.
- _____ 10. In the fall of 1609 the Powhatan attacked and laid siege to Jamestown. The settlers were trapped and starving. There was also disease: the wells were polluted with ____ bacteria and arsenic.



- _____ 11. During the 'starving time,' according to the historical records the settlers were beginning to eat anything--including horses, vermin, dogs, cats, _____, and mice.
- _____ 12. Three out of every four settlers died during the starving time. Most were dead by _____. Over the next six months, some 240 of the roughly 300 settlers perished.
- _____ 13. Upon excavation, Jane's remains showed some telltale marks that indicated _____.
- _____ 14. The archaeologists saw more and more marks that were pointing to a possibility even more bizarre than murder. Jamie May says that she began thinking, "Wow, this could be evidence of _____."
- _____ 15. Smithsonian forensic anthropologist Douglas Owsley says that the fact that Jane's skull is missing its third molars tells us that Jane was about _____ years of age.
- _____ 16. Another Smithsonian forensic anthropologist, Karin Bruwelheide, says that four striations on the front of the skull that are closely spaced and all the same size show that the individual _____ when the cuts were made.
- _____ 17. The person who was making all these cuts to the skull would have been attempting to remove the brain, which is rich in nutrients and has lots of fat in it. It was not uncommon--in terms of 17th century diet--to include animal brains in _____.
- _____ 18. When the Smithsonian scientists look at the skull under an electron microscope, Doug Owsley says, "It's a very inexperienced, unusual type of dissection. Anybody who was skilled in butchery or _____ wouldn't make cuts like that."
- _____ 19. The Smithsonian team can tell from analyzing the isotopes in Jane's tooth that she was English because she was raised on _____ from Europe, not American corn.
- _____ 20. After being reconstructed in clay by artist Ivan Schwartz, now Jane lives on as the focal point of a public exhibition at the _____.