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Colonial Virginia Study Guide (Answer Key)

Standard VS.4a: SWBAT explain the importance of agriculture and its influence on the institution of slavery.

Cash Crop - A crop that is grown to sell for money rather than for use by the growers

The economy of the Virginia colony depended on **agriculture** as a primary source of **wealth**.

- **Tobacco** became the most profitable agricultural product.
- Tobacco was sold in **England** as a cash crop.

The successful planting of tobacco depended on a steady and inexpensive source of **labor**.

- **African men, women, and children** were brought to the colony against their will to work as slaves on the plantations.
- The Virginia colony became dependent on **slave labor**, and the dependence lasted a long time.

Standard VS.4b: SWBAT describe how the culture of colonial Virginia reflected the origins of European (English, Scots-Irish, German) immigrants, Africans, and American Indians.

Whenever people settle an area, they change the culture and landscape to reflect their **beliefs**, **customs**, and **architecture**.

Examples of Architecture that Reflect Different Cultures

1. **Barns**
2. **Homes**
3. **Places of Worship (Churches)**

Different cities in Virginia get their names from different cultures. Two examples are (1) Richmond - **English**
(2) Roanoke - **American Indian**

| Cultural Group | Area Settled |
|-------------------------|---|
| English | <u>Tidewater and Piedmont regions</u> |
| Germans and Scots-Irish | <u>Shenandoah Valley along migration route</u> |
| Africans | <u>Tidewater and Piedmont regions</u> |
| American Indians | <u>All throughout VA, usually near waterways.</u> |

Migration and living in new areas caused people to adapt old customs to their new environment.

The culture of Virginia reflected American Indian, African, and European origins.

Standard VS.4c: SWBAT explain the reasons for the relocation of Virginia's capital from Jamestown to Williamsburg to Richmond.

Reasons for moving the capital from Jamestown to Williamsburg:

- 1) Unhealthy living conditions caused disease
- 2) Drinking water was contaminated by seepage of salt water.
- 3) Fire destroyed wooden and brick buildings in Jamestown

Reasons for moving the capital from Williamsburg to Richmond:

- 1) Richmond was more centrally located
- 2) Population was moving westward
- 3) Easily defended from attack by British

Standard VS.4d: SWBAT describe how money, barter, and credit were used.

- Money – a medium of exchange (currency which includes coins and paper bills)
- Barter – trading/exchanging of goods and services without the use of money
- Credit – buying a good or service now and paying for it later
- Debt – a good or service owed to another
- Saving – money put away to save or to spend at a later time

Few people had paper money or coins to buy goods and services.

Tobacco was commonly used instead of money.

Tobacco was used as money. A tobacco farmer could use his tobacco to pay for goods and services.

Colonial Virginia had no banks.

Standard VS.4e: SWBAT describe everyday life in colonial Virginia.

People living in colonial Virginia depended on (1) natural, (2) human, and (3) capital resources to produce the goods and services they needed.

Examples:

| (1) <u>Natural Resources</u> | (2) <u>Human Resources</u> | (3) <u>Capital Resources</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>herds of deer</u>• <u>lumber from trees</u>• <u>fish from streams</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>milking a cow</u>• <u>sheering a sheep</u>• <u>building a house</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>hammer</u>• <u>plow</u>• <u>ax</u> |

| <u>Food</u> | <u>Housing</u> | <u>Clothing</u> |
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| <p>Food choices were <u>limited</u>.</p> <p>Meals were made of <u>local meats</u> and <u>produce</u>.</p> | <p>Most people lived in one room houses with <u>dirt</u> floors.</p> <p>Some people (<u>farmers</u>) lived in large houses.</p> | <p>Households made their own <u>clothes</u>.</p> <p>Most clothing was made from <u>cotton</u>, <u>wool</u>, and <u>leather</u>.</p> |

| <u>Wealthy Farmers</u> | <u>Small Farmers</u> |
|---|---|
| <p>These Virginians were very rich and lived in <u>large homes</u>.</p> <p>They had many servants or slaves.</p> | <p>Most white Virginians made a living from their <u>land</u>.</p> <p>They lived in <u>one-room</u> homes with dirt floors.</p> |

| <u>Enslaved African Americans</u> | <u>Free African Americans</u> |
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| <p>Most worked in the <u>tobacco</u> fields, harvested <u>crops</u>, and handled <u>livestock</u>.</p> <p>They had no rights and no chance to make a better life.</p> | <p>Not all Africans were enslaved.</p> <p>Some owned <u>their own businesses</u> or <u>property</u>.</p> <p>They were still denied most rights and could not vote or testify in court.</p> |

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