The English Background

- **English Government**
  - Allows large measure of
  - even the king is subject to the law
  - no taxation without consent
  - laws evolve/change

- Virginia Company and Plymouth Company (1606)

The Lost Colony

- **English attempts at Empire**
  - Begun under
  - Raleigh’s “Lost Colony”
  - 100 colonists sent by Sir Walter
  - Raleigh to Roanoke Island
  - 1st English child

- **Theories:**
  1. Killed by Native Americans
  2. Killed by the Spanish
  3. Integrated into the Native Americans
  4. Starved to death
  5. Killed by one of their own as a mass slaughter
  6. Vampires or Aliens
Virginia Colony

- 1st permanent English colony
- Founded on the James River
- Problems

Jamestown

- “He that does not work, shall not eat!”
- “not for trade, but to invade my people and possess my country”
- (Winter 1609-1610)
- Assassination Attempt and Starvation
- Capture of

Virginia Colony

- Virginia’s Reason for survival:
- Export to Europe = extremely profitable
- Reforms
- General Assembly of Virginia
- 1619 – 90 women to be sold as wives, 20 Africans to be sold as slaves
- 1624 – Virginia becomes a Royal Colony