You are a member of Parliament, and you have heard testimony about slave ship conditions, and you have carefully considered the pro-slavery and anti-slavery (abolitionist) arguments. Thinking as a person of that time period, would you want to abolish slavery and the slave trade? Why or why not? Write a paragraph long speech that describes in detail how you feel about the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, its impact upon the people involved, and the impact upon Great Britain and its Colonies.
Competing Cultures

You are the Powhatan Chief, Necotowance. What challenges have your people faced in the past few decades since the arrival of Europeans at Jamestown?

How do you plan to respond to these Europeans?

Rebellion is Afoot!

The year of Lord is 1676 in Virginia, and problems are crippling the colony:

- Class antagonism between the wealthy planters (landowners), led by the Gov. Sir William Berkeley, and “freedmen” (former indentured servants & small farmers), led by a 29 yr old planter named Nathaniel Bacon
- Low prices for Tobacco
- High taxes, which are believed to be unjust by the farmers
- Corruption: Gov. Berkeley clearly sides with the planters
- Increasing hostility with the Powhatan Indians
- Land disputes as planters take lands from the Indians, which aggravates the Powhatans to attack small farmers’ lands in retaliation
Sir William Berkeley and the Planters

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- Nathaniel Bacon and the Freedmen
  ~ You have been denied suffrage (the vote) in the House of Burgesses!
  ~ You face constant threat of violence from the Powhatans, and the Gov. has refused to protect you!
  ~ To survive in the New World, we need better treatment and greater opportunity!

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Results of Bacon’s Rebellion

- Class Antagonisms followed settlers from Old World
- The People want a “Voice”
- Declaration of the People of Virginia
- Effects of Colonial Imperialism — Conflict with Natives Inevitable?
- Convenient Scapegoat
- Birth of Reservation System
Religious Dissidents!

Massachusetts Gov. John Winthrop claimed that the Pilgrims of Plymouth would establish a Godly society, and “We shall be as a city upon a hill, the eyes of all the people are upon us.” This has been difficult to maintain, however, because there are radicals like Roger Williams that believe that there should be room to question our faith and practices.

Thomas Morton set up a Maypole and encouraged Pilgrims and Natives alike to dance sinfully around the Maypole and drink goblets of beer!

What should be done to maintain our ideal of being that City upon a Hill, and how should we deal with religious dissidents like Williams and Morton?

Forming a Theocracy

You have just separated from sinful England and have formed a colony with a theocratic government. In groups of 3-4 decide on the following:

- Your colony’s theology:
  - List and describe your 5 main beliefs (be CREATIVE)
  - Punishments for unorthodoxy and blasphemy:
    - List and detail 5 punishments for unorthodoxy and sinful living.