

Lesson 1: Hard Times in Virginia

Directions: Identify the cause and effect in each chart. Label the items “Cause” or “Effect” in the spaces provided. Then draw an arrow between the boxes to show the correct direction. The first one has been done for you.

1. Cause	Effect
White returned to England seeking aid for the colonists in Roanoke. He arrived to find Spain and England at war and England with no ships to send supplies to the colonists.	White returned to Roanoke only to find that the colonists had mysteriously disappeared.
2. English ships were smaller than Spanish ships and could move faster. The English had more powerful guns than the Spanish.	The English won the Battle of the Spanish Armada and became one of the world’s most powerful nations.
3. Jamestown settlers began to die almost as soon as they arrived.	Jamestown was located on low, swampy land where disease-carrying mosquitoes lived. The water was not healthy to drink.
4. The men at Jamestown spent their days searching for gold. They did not plant crops or build housing.	Men died of starvation and disease. John Smith took over, and under his guidance the colonists survived.
5. Jamestown grew rapidly.	Tobacco grew well in Virginia and became a cash crop as exports rose.

Notes for Home: Your child learned about the first English colonies in North America.

Home Activity: Have your child explain the causes and effects of events that took place during the early days at Roanoke and Jamestown.