

Mapping the New World

Historical Context Timeline

1607 English settlers first land in Jamestown.

Winter 1609-1610 Almost 150 (of 214) English colonists die from starvation and hardship.

1619 Virginia's population grows rapidly to 1,400.

1622-1623 Native Americans launch attacks against English settlements and kill 347 settlers. Colonists respond by poisoning and killing 250 Native Americans.

1634 Colonists build a wall across the Virginia Peninsula. An English Captain wrote that the wall "completely excludes the Indians . . .; this will be of extraordinary benefit to the country."

1636 Date of Map A

1646 First Indian reservations established for surviving Powhatan Indians.

1651 Date of Map B.

Mapping the New World Guiding Questions

1. What do you see when you look at the map from 1636?

2. What do you see when you look at the map from 1651?

3. List three differences between Map A and Map B:

4. These maps are showing the EXACT SAME PIECE OF LAND. Why do you think they differ?

5. Look at the HISTORICAL CONTEXT TIMELINE. How might settlers' attitudes towards Native Americans have changed from the 1630s to the 1650s? How might settlers' attitudes toward the land have changed from the 1630s to the 1650s? Explain your answer.