

On April 26, 1607, three small ships (Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery) sailed between Cape Charles and Cape Henry into the Chesapeake Bay for the purpose of beginning a permanent English settlement in the land they called Virginia.

**Christopher  
Newport spent  
17 days  
investigating  
advantages/  
disadvantages**

**Jamestown was first permanent English settlement. Founded in 1607. It was an economic venture financed by Virginia Company of London. Jamestown was peninsula. Now island due to erosion.**



<b>Instructions</b>	Settlers were told by the Virginia Company to go inland. They were also told to find a good place to start a colony.
<b>Location</b>	They picked a location that could be defended easily from attack by sea. They feared attack from the Spanish.
<b>Ships Docking</b>	They chose a place where the shore was deep enough so the ships could dock.
<b>Drinking Water</b>	They believed that the site they picked had a good supply of fresh water.