



Advantages

Easy to defend from enemies due to being a narrow peninsula

Water along shore was deep enough for ships

Good supply of fresh drinking water

Disadvantages

Low, swampy land with mosquitoes that carried diseases such as malaria

By end of summer, half men were dead from disease

They did not know how to farm nor did they clear trees to plant crops

Brackish drinking water

Clothes too hot

Under attack

- If not for the strong leadership of Captain John Smith and some friendly Powhatan Indians who shared their corn, the settlers would have starved.