

**CAPITAL CITIES OF EARLY**  
**VIRGINIA**  
VS. 4C AND VS. 5D

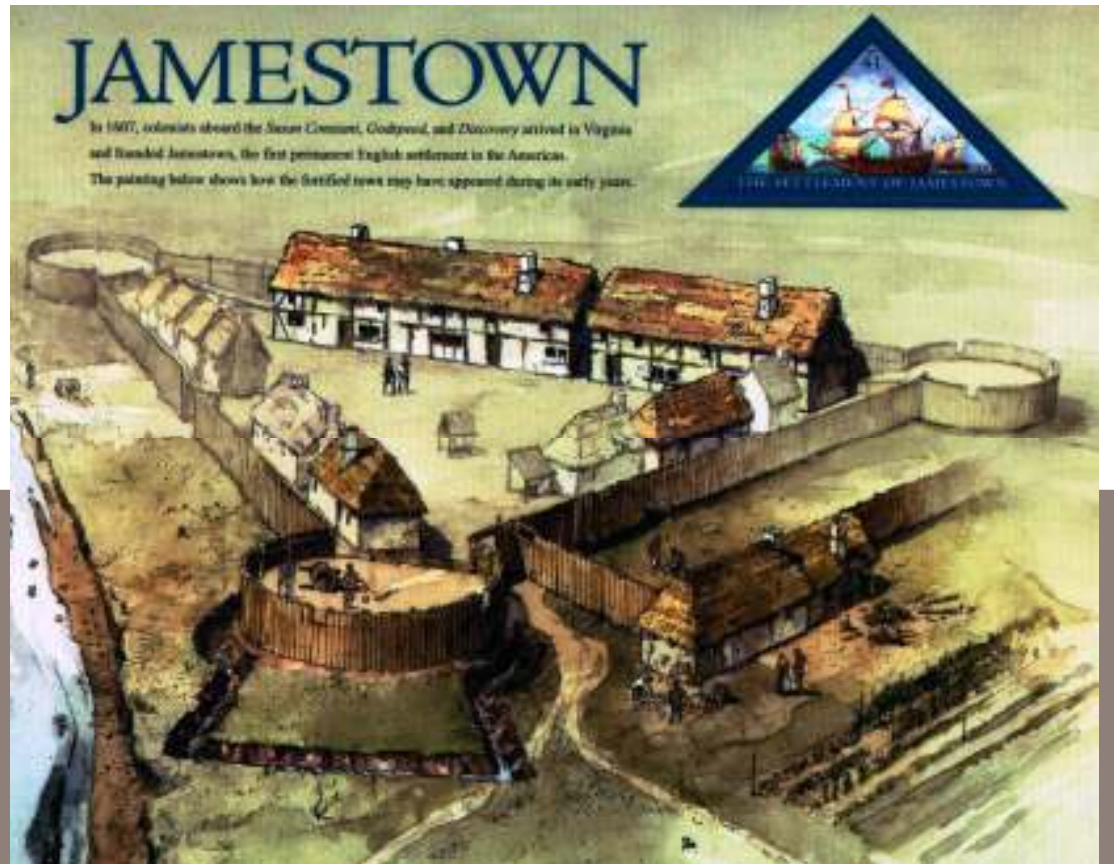
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As the colony of Virginia grew, the needs of its people changed. The original capital located at \_\_\_\_\_ had many \_\_\_\_\_. One of the problems was the fact that the salt water of the surrounding river and bay contaminated the drinking water. This nasty water, in addition to mosquito born diseases (like Malaria), unhealthy \_\_\_\_\_ conditions and frequent fires, caused the leaders of the colony to look for a better location for the \_\_\_\_\_.



The ruins left behind in Jamestown



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The House of Burgesses decided that the village near the College of William and Mary would make a fine new capital. In \_\_\_\_\_, they named the \_\_\_\_\_ of Virginia \_\_\_\_\_ after their king, William III.



# THREE REASONS TO CHOOSE WILLIAMSBURG

- Williamsburg was already an \_\_\_\_\_ thanks to The College of William and Mary
- Williamsburg had more \_\_\_\_\_
- There were some mosquitos but they were not as \_\_\_\_\_.

The burgesses thought it was a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ place than Jamestown.

William & Mary



## ANOTHER MOVE

Just like \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed many of the buildings in Jamestown, \_\_\_\_\_ suffered the same fate. There were \_\_\_\_\_ in Williamsburg that caused the Capitol building to be moved \_\_\_\_\_. Eventually, the colonists decided to move the capital city again.



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By the early 1700s, the population of Virginia was moving westward and the \_\_\_\_\_ region was becoming home to more and more settlers. As the population moved west, so did the capital.

The city of \_\_\_\_\_ was chosen as the site of the new capital for many reasons:

- 1) It was a \_\_\_\_\_ location than Williamsburg.
- 2) Its \_\_\_\_\_ and distance from the \_\_\_\_\_ and Chesapeake Bay gave it added protection from possible attacks by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Its location on the \_\_\_\_\_ also made it a major center of trade and commerce.



The new Virginia State Capitol, begun in 1785 and completed in 1792, designed by Thomas Jefferson following the relocation of the government to Richmond (as it appeared in the mid-19th century).

# RICHMOND

There were many reasons behind the decision to relocate Virginia's capital from Jamestown to Williamsburg to Richmond. \_\_\_\_\_ remains the capital of \_\_\_\_\_ today.



# RICHMOND



Interesting Fact about the Capitol Building: Since 1788, it has been home to the General Assembly, the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ continuously operating in the Western Hemisphere.