

# WORDS TO KNOW

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**CHARTER**

**COLONY**

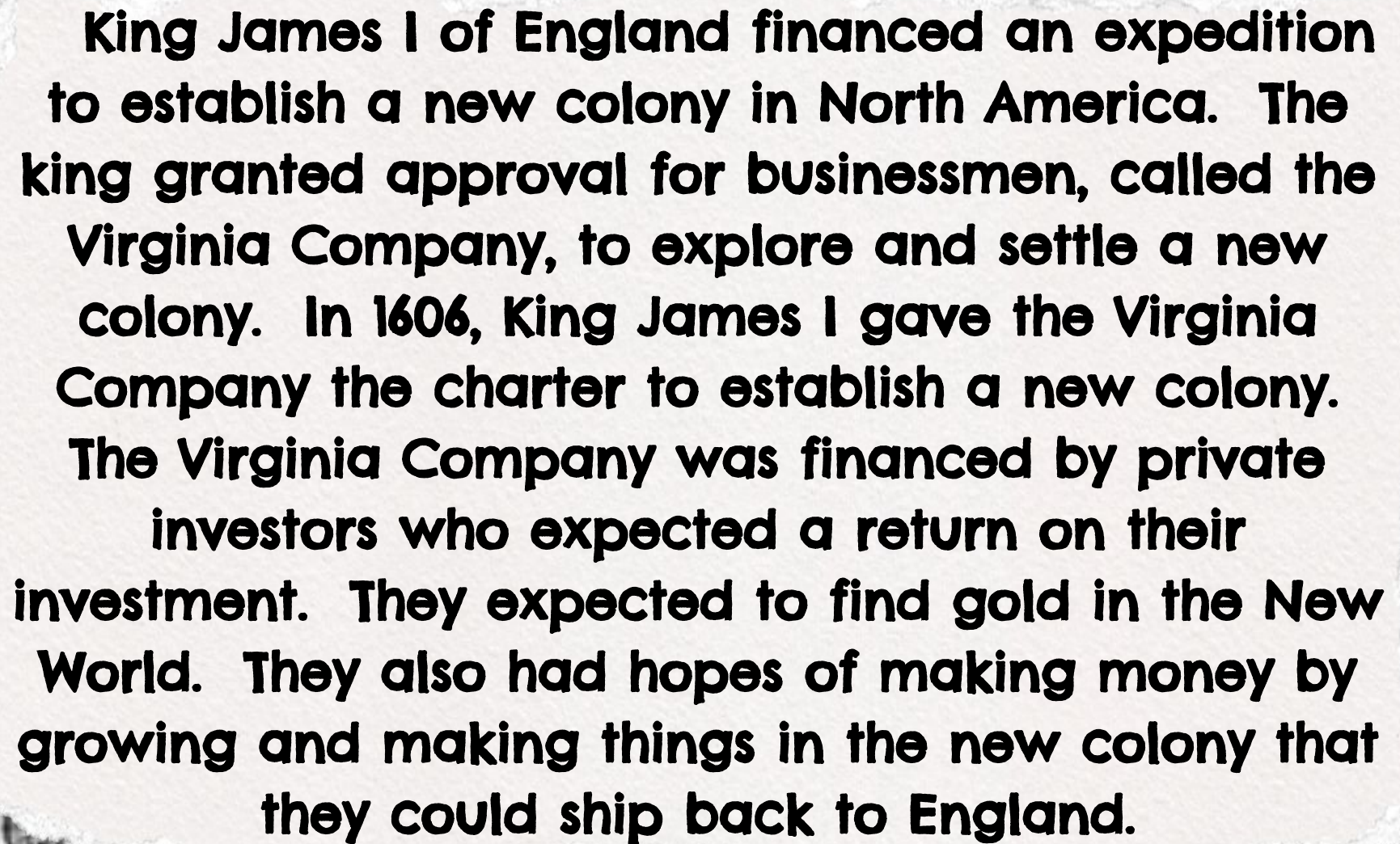
**EXPEDITION**

**SETTLERS**

**CONFLICT**

**HOSTAGE**





**King James I of England financed an expedition to establish a new colony in North America. The king granted approval for businessmen, called the Virginia Company, to explore and settle a new colony. In 1606, King James I gave the Virginia Company the charter to establish a new colony. The Virginia Company was financed by private investors who expected a return on their investment. They expected to find gold in the New World. They also had hopes of making money by growing and making things in the new colony that they could ship back to England.**



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colony in South America.**

**TRUE**

**FALSE**



**The location of Jamestown was chosen because settlers felt they could easily defend it against potential attacks.**

**In the long run, the site chosen for the fort later proved to be a disaster. The men arrived in late summer and were unable to plant crops to have food to eat. In summer months, the land turned into swampy, poisonous waters full of mosquitoes. In winter months, there was no protection from the harsh weather elements.**





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**A. Winter**

**B. Spring**

**C. Summer**



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**FOUNDING**

**JAMESTOWN**

In 1608, Captain John Smith became president of the colony. Smith was an experienced soldier and explorer but many settlers did not like him. Smith enforced a new rule that stated, "If you don't work, you don't eat." Smith was later captured by the Powhatan in an attempt to talk peace with the chief. The chief's daughter, Pocahontas, stepped in to make sure John Smith was not harmed. She begged her father to spare Smith's life and he agreed to release him.

**POSTAGE FIVE CENTS**



**In 1608, Captain John Rolfe became president of the colony.**

**TRUE**

**FALSE**