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Jamestown Brain Teasers Answer Key

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| 1. Jamestown | 5. Pocahontas |
| 2. Tobacco | 6. John Smith |
| 3. The Starving Time | 7. Powhatan Confederacy |
| 4. Powhatan | 8. The fort |

Responses may vary slightly in wording but must correctly identify the historical item.

Teacher's Guide

- Read riddles aloud to support developing readers
- Encourage students to search for clue words (money, leader, rules, etc.)
- Do a quick class check after each answer to reinforce learning

Differentiation:

- Provide a classroom word wall or vocabulary list
- Allow partner work to support English learners
- Advanced students can write multiple riddles with trickier clues

Engagement Ideas:

- Turn riddles into a "Guess Who/What" classroom game
- Students exchange their bonus riddles to solve in pairs
- Create a Jamestown "mystery box" with objects or pictures as visual clues

Extension Options:

- Add primary source images for riddle inspiration
- Include a quick writing reflection: "Which riddle taught you something new?"
- Connect Jamestown to broader colonial history in future lessons