

Name _____

Colony Countdown Answer Key

Correct chronological order:

1. 1607: English settlers establish Jamestown
2. 1609-1610: The Starving Time strikes the colony
3. 1619: Arrival of English women helps stabilize community life
4. Early 1600s (after 1619): Tobacco becomes a booming cash crop

Strong reflection answers should:

- Identify one event clearly
- Explain how it helped Jamestown survive or grow

Teacher's Guide

- Model how to look for clues in dates before students begin
- Encourage complete sentences in the reflection question
- Allow students to collaborate on the timeline section, then complete responses individually

Differentiation Options:

- Provide event cards for students to physically sort first
- Allow sentence starters: "This event helped Jamestown because..."
- Offer visuals (small illustrations of ships, tobacco leaves, or houses) to support recall

Engagement Ideas:

- Create a classroom timeline on the wall where students can place events
- Extend with quick research on an additional Jamestown event (ex: House of Burgesses, relations with Powhatan)

Extension Activity:

- Students create a comic strip showing all four events in order
- Introduce one new event to add to the end of the timeline (e.g., expansion of the colony)