

Pocahontas

UNIT

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Pre-reading

1. What country do you think this girl is from?
2. How is this girl different from you?
3. What do you think is happening in the picture?

Vocabulary Preview

Match the word or phrase with its meaning.

1. ___ Kenny has a very close relationship with his cousin, Tom.
2. ___ That is just a legend. I don't believe it.
3. ___ Some people don't eat beef because of their religion.
4. ___ Native Americans were the first people to live in North America.
5. ___ He is the chief of that Native American group.
6. ___ Nolan dreams of living in a colony on Mars.



- a.
- b. leader
- c. old and famous story
- d. friendship
- e. group of people living in a new or separate place
- f. organized belief, like Christianity

Pocahontas

Pocahontas belonged to a large group of Native Americans called the Algonquians. She was the daughter of a chief of the Algonquian people. Her people lived in the eastern part of North America, which is now known as the state of Virginia. She was born in 1595 and named Matoaka. Pocahontas, the name she is remembered by, is a nickname. It means “playful little girl.”

In 1607, when she was a little girl, she met a group of Europeans. A legend tells that she saved the life of Captain John Smith, an English man that she became good friends with. Although many people now believe this is not true, it is true that Pocahontas was a friend to the English and often helped them.

Pocahontas even married an English man. In 1612, she was brought to the nearby colony of Jamestown. There she met her future husband, John Rolfe. They had different religions, so she changed hers to Christianity and gave herself the name “Rebecca.”

Within the next few years, the relationship between the Native Americans and the Europeans was growing worse. They did not understand each other, which led to problems. In 1616, Pocahontas went to England where she met King James I. Pocahontas played an important part in teaching the English people about Native Americans.

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Word Practice

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

relationship problems colonies nickname

1. His _____ is “Muggle” because he loves Harry Potter.
2. I had no _____ with my homework.
3. Marcia has a good _____ with her sister, Julie.
4. Both Australia and America began as English _____ a long time ago.



Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is this story about?
 - a. Americans forming a new colony
 - b. Having good relationships with family
 - c. A woman helping a group of people
 - d. Solving problems for a king
2. What does "hers" refer to in line 14 of the reading?
 - a. Her name
 - b. Her religion
 - c. Where she lived
 - d. Who she lived with
3. Why did Pocahontas go to England?
 - a. She wanted to get married.
 - b. She wanted to meet her husband's family.
 - c. She was good friends with the English.
 - d. She wanted to help her people by meeting the king.
4. According to the reading, why were the English and the Native Americans having problems?
 - a. The Native Americans did not want Pocahontas to leave.
 - b. They lived in the same place.
 - c. They were arguing about Virginia.
 - d. They had different ways of thinking.



Focus On Same or Opposite

Write S for same or O for opposite.

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|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|------|
| 1. _____ relationship | friendship | 2. _____ legend | news |
| 3. _____ believe | think | 4. _____ save | kill |

Words and Phrases

- be known as

James **is also known as** Jimmy.

- belong to (a group / a club)

Sean and I **belong to a book club** at school.

- lead to

Ernie's additional studying **led to** better grades!

Fill in the blank with the correct phrase. Change the form of the words if necessary.

- Elvis Presley _____ the King of Rock and Roll.
- Mr. Turner _____ a popular book club.
- Exercising everyday will _____ a healthier body.

Summary

Fill in the blank with the correct word or phrase.

colony relationship nickname chief Native American

Pocahontas was the 1 _____ of a famous
2 _____ woman. She was the daughter of a
3 _____. She improved her people's 4 _____
with the English people who lived in a 5 _____
near her home. She did a lot to help English people
understand Native American life.



Listening Sacagawea

Listen to the dialog and take notes.

Where is Sacagawea famous?

Who was she? When did she live?

What did she do?

What could happen because of her?

Listen again and check your notes.

Use your notes to fill in the blanks.

Story Summary

Sacagawea is a famous person in _____ history. She was a _____ woman who lived _____ years ago. She _____ two famous _____ travel through North America. She showed them the _____ to travel and helped them get _____ and _____. Because of her, _____ could make _____ in North America.

My Story Notes

Who is a famous person in history?
Write some notes.

What is the name of a famous person in history? When did he or she live?

Who was he or she?

What did he or she do?

What could happen because of him or her?

Using your notes, write your story in complete sentences.

Writing

Speaking

Look at the dialog. Fill in the blank with the correct choice.

- a. taught poor children
- b. Why is she famous?
- c. have a better life
- d. Have you heard of Mother Teresa?



- A 1 _____
- B No, who's that?
- A Mother Teresa was a famous person in India. She lived there 50 years ago.
- B 2 _____
- A Well, she helped a lot of poor people. She treated the sick and
3 _____.
- B She sounds great.
- A Because of her, many poor people could 4 _____.

Now practice with a partner. Make your own answers.

Vocabulary Review

Choose the answer **closest** in meaning to the word or phrase.

1. Everyone in the group listens to the chief.
a. effect b. religion c. coast d. boss
2. Learning to ski can be challenging.
a. difficult b. playful c. easy d. expensive
3. Various groups of Native Americans live in North America.
a. Different b. Few c. Colony d. Haunted
4. Many science fiction books are about people making new homes on other planets.
a. chiefs b. alarms c. addresses d. colonies