English started creating settlements in America because they hoped to find:

- Gold
- New job opportunities
English had not expected the dangers

- Illness
- Harsh climate
- Natives
SIR WALTER RALEIGH

Sponsored first American colony in 1585

Roanoke failed due to lack of food and trouble with natives
JOINT STOCK COMPANY

People put money together to fund colony projects.

Shared ownership of colony – profits and losses.
INVESTORS

People that put money in the joint stock company

Shared profits as well as losses
MERCANTILISM

Economic system used by European nations to make money
Colonies provide the raw materials to the mother country in Europe.

The colonies then buy the finished products from the mother country in Europe.
written contract, issued by government, giving the company the right to establish a colony
JAMESTOWN

Established in 1607

Founded by Virginia Company of England

http://www.williamsburgprivatetours.com/j_tours.htm
Ships sailed into Chesapeake Bay and then up the James River
First Jamestown settlers searched for gold and riches instead of getting food and shelter.
Many of the original Jamestown settlers died in first years
JOHN SMITH

Took control of the situation in Jamestown

Made people work if they wanted to be a part of settlement
John Smith declared:
If you don’t work, you don’t eat!
JOHN ROLFE

Married Pocahontas, daughter of local Powhatan chief
Rolfe improved the cooperation with the natives and found a way to make the settlement money

http://www.electricfreeze.com/art/tobacco/little_plant.jpg
TOBACCO

Soil easy grows tobacco and soon plants are everywhere

This crop begins to make the colony a profit
HEADRIGHT

A 50 acre land grant to anyone who paid their own way to Virginia
INDENTURED SERVANTS

Person who works for a set time without pay in exchange for free passage to America.
HOUSE OF BURGESSSES
First representative assembly
It elected representatives once a year.

Passes local laws and taxes.
ROYAL COLONY

Ruled by king’s appointed officials
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