

John Smith

Life and Career



Early years

John Smith was born in Willoughby England around the time of the 1580's and died in 1631. To be honest, there is a question about the exact time of his birth according to *World Book Encyclopedia*. He worked on his father's farm and went to school until he was about the age of 15. John loved adventure, so he left home and enlisted into the Dutch army where he fought against the Spaniards. John was well respected and quickly earned the title captain. After becoming a captain, John Smith was captured by the Turks and sold him as a slave Where he later escaped to Russia and returned to England.

Famous

John Smith is most famous for him joining the Virginia Company of London back in 1606 and establishing Jamestown, a name in honor of King James the 1st. John was a strong leader. From the very beginning of Jamestown, the colonists suffered disease, starvation, and Indian attacks. Most of the colonists were unable or unwilling to work to provide for their families or protect themselves. However, when John Smith came into leadership, Jamestown was almost free of disease and hunger due to his strong leadership and treating the Indians with an iron fist. He was also famous for his friendship with Pocahontas who the Indian chief's daughter of Powhatan. She was able to stop the execution of John and even warned him of a future Indian attack on the colonists.



Fun Fact and book's

A few of his book's are

- 1 The Generall Historie of Virginia, New-England and the Summer Isles (1624)

A fun fact is that Smith valued simple products like timber, fish, and furs over gold and silver

Quotes

“He who shall not work shall not eat”

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