The American Pageant Chapter 2 Reading Guide

**Vocabulary**

Protestant Reformation

Roanoke Island

Spanish Armada

Primogeniture

Joint-stock company

Charter

Jamestown

First Anglo-Powhatan War

Second Anglo-Powhatan War

Act of Toleration

Barbados Slave Code

Squatters

Tuscarora War

Yamasee Indians

Buffer

Iroquois Confederacy

**Reading Questions**

1. Describe the impact of English explorers such as Drake, Gilbert, and Raleigh.
2. What is the significance of the defeat of the Spanish Armada for the New World?
3. What conditions and laws in England led to the birth of English exploration in the 17th century?
4. What was the purpose of the Virginia Company?
5. Why is the charter of the Virginia Company a significant document in American history?
6. Describe the early years at Jamestown, and explain how John Smith responds to the problems the group faced.
7. Describe the relationship between the settlers at Jamestown and the local Powhatan Confederacy.
8. Following the Second Anglo-Powhatan War, what happens to the Powhatan Indians?
9. The book describes how the Powhatans fell victim to the “three Ds.” How did each of these impact the Powhatans?
10. How did interactions with Europeans change life for the Native Americans? (Section “The Indians’ New World)
11. How did the introduction of tobacco to Virginia by John Rolfe change the fate of that colony?
12. Explain the two significant events that happen in Virginia in 1619.
13. Explain the economic and religious significance of the colony of Maryland.
14. Describe the economy of the islands in the West Indies. (Crop, labor source, farming method)
15. Describe the Barbados Slave Code and how it eventually affects the American colonies.
16. Explain why the colony of Carolina was created. Describe how the relationship with the West Indies impacted the colony and its economy.
17. What people settle the area that becomes North Carolina? What distinguishes North Carolina from its neighbors Virginia and South Carolina?
18. Describe the relationship between the settlers of North Carolina and natives in the area.
19. Describe the two major reasons that Georgia was created.
20. Using the final section of the chapter, explain the characteristics the “plantation colonies” shared with each other.