

## e-lesson

Week starting: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2004

### 1. Pocahontas

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1614, Pocahontas married English settler John Rolfe in Jamestown, Virginia. The story of this young Native American woman has been made famous by the Disney studios, but what was her true story? Read on and find out.

#### Level

Pre-Intermediate upwards

#### How to use the lesson

1. Brainstorm what your students know about Pocahontas and find out who has seen the Disney animated motion picture.
2. Give each student a copy of Worksheet A and five minutes in which to read it. Students shouldn't write anything down at this stage.
3. After five minutes stop your students. Ask them to turn over their pieces of paper.
4. Give each student a copy of Worksheet B. Tell them that by answering the questions they can find the meaning of the name Pocahontas. Divide the class into pairs and ask students to work together to answer the questions and write the answers in the grid.
5. Check answers in open class. If the questions have all been answered as below, the translation of the name Pocahontas should read *Playful Little Girl* from top to bottom.

#### Answers

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| 1. Chesapeake | 6. Dale         | 11. Rebecca      |
| 2. Algonquian | 7. Christianity | 12. King James I |
| 3. Matoaka    | 8. Jamestown    | 13. Virginia     |
| 4. Rolfe      | 9. Powhatan     | 14. tuberculosis |
| 5. Samuel     | 10. planter     | 15. London       |

### 2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.apva.org/history/pocahont.html>

A biography of Pocahontas

<http://www.virtualjamestown.org/maps1.html>

Maps of Jamestown and Virginia in Pocahontas's time

<http://www.fae.plym.ac.uk/newworld/1616.htm>

The story of Pocahontas's life, in tapestry pictures

<http://www.stgeorgesgravesend.org.uk/Pages/pocstory.htm>

Pocahontas's final resting place. In England, surprisingly