

## LESSON PLAN – 8th Grade

### Title

Jamestown vs Plymouth: Motives, Leadership, and Survival

### Objective

Students will:


- Compare economic and religious motives
  - Analyze leadership and survival strategies
  - Explain outcomes of each colony
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### Vocabulary

Indentured Servant, Self-Government, Alliance, Productivity

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### Warm-Up

 “Which is stronger—money or belief?”

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### Direct Instruction

#### Jamestown

- Founded by Virginia Company for profit
- Poor planning → starvation
- Leadership of John Smith
- Tobacco success (John Rolfe)

#### Plymouth

- Founded for religious freedom
- Leadership of William Bradford
- Mayflower Compact
- Help from Native Americans (Squanto, Massasoit)

 Key difference:

- Jamestown = profit-driven
  - Plymouth = faith/community-driven
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### **Guided Practice**

Comparison chart (detailed)

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### **Activity**

**Debate:**

 “Which colony was more successful and why?”

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### **Discussion**

- How did leadership affect survival?
  - Why did Plymouth improve after 1623?
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### **QUIZ – 8th Grade**

#### **Multiple Choice**

1. Jamestown struggled mainly because:
  - A. Weather
  - B. Poor planning
  - C. Too many farmers
2. Plymouth improved after:
  - A. More gold
  - B. Private land ownership
  - C. War
3. Who helped Jamestown survive early on?
  - A. King James
  - B. Native Americans
  - C. Merchants

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**Short Answer**

4. One difference between Jamestown and Plymouth
5. One role Native Americans played

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**Critical Thinking**

6. Which colony had stronger leadership? Explain

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** Answer Key**

1. B
2. B
3. B
- 4–6. Answers vary