

The Chesapeake Bay: A Time for Change

ACTIVITY 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY—THEN AND NOW

Part One:

1. Why did John Smith and his crew voyage from England to the Chesapeake Bay? What was their mission?
2. What did they find?
3. What did they accomplish?
4. Why do groups like the Chesapeake Bay Foundation feel John Smith's exploration is still important today?

Part Two:

1. How did the early settlers of Jamestown select its location? What were the positive and negative aspects of that location?
2. During the years Smith spent exploring the area, what was the land like and how did Native Americans interact with their environment? How did the behavior of the English settlers affect their success?
3. How did the city of Baltimore both benefit from and harm the Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco River? What major changes happened to Baltimore's economy from its early history to its current state?
4. Just as the arrival of colonists to the shores of the Chesapeake affected the Native American populations living there, so did technological advances of modern life affect the descendants of those early settlers. Pick one technological advance that affected early Native Americans. Then, pick another technological advance that affected more modern inhabitants of the Chesapeake Bay area.