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Jamestown to Williamsburg

Reasons for Moving Virginia's Capital

Williamsburg to Richmond

Teaching tips:
1. Fold a piece of colorful paper in ½ (hot dog fold) and in ½ again (hamburger fold).
2. Cut the inside center crease and fold so the cut side is inside and it makes a booklet.
3. Glue the "Reasons" rectangle on the front as a title.
4. Glue "Jamestown to Williamsburg" on the left inside "flap".
5. Glue "Williamsburg to Richmond" on the right inside "flap".
6. Have students write or draw details inside about why each move was made, or use the rectangles below to glue inside, and have students draw pictures to match.
7. Refer to the Curriculum Framework, p. 19 for details.

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- Drinking water was contaminated by seepage of salt water.
- Dirty living conditions caused diseases.
- Williamsburg was situated at a higher elevation than Jamestown.
- Fire destroyed wooden buildings at Jamestown.
- The population was moving westward.
- Richmond was a more central location.
- Richmond’s location was better for trade.
- Moving to Richmond increased the distance from attack by sea.