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Important People in the Establishment of Savannah: James Oglethorpe, Tomochichi & Mary Musgrove

The city of Savannah was established on a piece of land on the borders of the Savannah River. This area was good for the settlement because it had deep water for the ships, while the land was high to prevent flooding of the new city. **General James Oglethorpe** was a critical leader in the establishment of the colony of Georgia, as well as the city of Savannah. He is often referred to as the Founder of Georgia because of his role in establishing the colony. He was both the military leader and de facto civilian leader of the new colony. "**De facto**" means an unofficial understanding, not necessarily enforced by the law. While Oglethorpe was never the actual legal governor, he was perceived as the leader of the colony by the people. Oglethorpe understood that the success of the colony would depend on the relationships that he formed with the American Indians.

Building and developing the city of Savannah would be the first major step towards establishing a successful colony in Georgia, but it was not easy. The city of Savannah was located fifteen miles upstream from the Atlantic Ocean. This would be the last colonial capital that the English would establish in all of North America during this time. The planning of the town was detailed, tedious, and well thought out. It was laid out in a grid system after many successful cities in Europe. This allowed the city to expand and develop further as the population and the needs of the city expanded over time.

Chief Tomochichi of the Yamacraw Indians believed that relationships with the English should be friendly, peaceful, and mutually beneficial. The tribe of Yamacraw Indians came from the Creek and Yamasee tribes. Oglethorpe and Tomochichi would develop a deep friendship built on trust and helping each other. Tomochichi hoped that the English would become trading partners, while Oglethorpe hoped the Yamacraw would help him establish the new colony. Tomochichi gave Oglethorpe Yamacraw Bluff on the Savannah River that would later become the city of Savannah. He also helped Oglethorpe negotiate and trade with the other American Indian tribes, as well as supported him against the Spanish.

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Georgia History

Vocabulary

de facto**parcel****liaison****Chief Tomochichi****James Oglethorpe****Mary Musgrove**

Reading Skills

Text Structure

Draw a circle around the text's subheading.

Main Idea

Underline the MAIN IDEA of each paragraph.

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Mary Musgrove served as a translator for General James Oglethorpe.

She had a Creek mother but an English father, so she could speak both languages. While also marrying a businessman, she established a trading post between the American Indians and the colony. She would translate for Oglethorpe for ten years. She would also work as **liaison** between the colony and the American Indians for many years. A **liaison** is a person who works between people or groups as a negotiator. Tomochichi had given her parcels of land. A **parcel** is a section with defined borders. The English stated that they were the only people with the power to give land grants. After arguing for her land rights, a compromise was reached. She would get St. Catherine's Island and money, but she had to give up all of her other land.

The city of Savannah relied heavily on the positive relationships that were formed between the colony and the American Indians. The colony would have probably failed without their cooperation. Tomochichi would even join Oglethorpe on a trip to England for meetings with the government. The relationships and cooperation among Oglethorpe, Tomochichi, and Mary Musgrove were critical for the peaceful settlement of the colony of Georgia.



James Oglethorpe

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Chief Tomochichi

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Mary Musgrove

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Directions: Circle the best answer choice based on the passage.

1. What does the underlined word most likely mean?

A liaison is a person who works between people or groups as a negotiator.

- a. leader
- b. communicator
- c. governor
- d. overseer

2. Why did the author write this text?

- a. To compare and contrast the Native American practices with the English practices.
- b. To explain the importance of land parceling in trade.
- c. To inform the reader about the cooperation between Mary Musgrove, Tomochichi and Oglethorpe.
- d. To inform the reader about the mistreatment of the Native Americans by the English.

3. Which is the subheading of the text?

- a. James Oglethorpe, Tomochichi & Mary Musgrove
- b. Reading Skills
- c. Important People in the Establishment of Savannah

4. Which of following statements is NOT a true message of this passage?

- a. When different groups fight one another, sometimes positive outcomes are possible.
- b. When we see different groups working together, we see positive and peaceful establishment of a new colony.
- c. Like James Oglethorpe, with kindness and mutual respect, friendships and trust are built.
- d. Service and loyalty like Mary Musgrove will have rewards.

5. How does the sentence below support the author's point?

The city of Savannah relied heavily on the positive relationships that were formed between the colony and the American Indians.

- a. It implies that establishment of Savannah would not have happened without Mary Musgrove's translation skills.
- b. It describes the more modern practices of the Yamacraw Indians which led to cooperation with the English.
- c. It shows that the Native Americans were not willing to be taken advantage of by the English.
- d. It explains that the cooperation among Oglethorpe, Musgrove and Tomochichi was key in a productive and peaceful settlement of Georgia.