

Pocahontas by Tim Vicary

Before Reading activities

1. Read the story introduction and the back cover. Are these sentences true? Tick one for each sentence.

POCAHONTAS

In 1607 the English come to Virginia, in North America. They want to begin a new life, and to make their home in the New World. They build a town and call it Jamestown, after King James of England.

Virginia is a new world for the English, but it is not new for the Indian people of North America. They live there; their fathers and their grandfathers lived there before them. It is *their* country, *their* home. And they do not like these white men from across the sea.

One of the Englishmen, John Smith, goes up the river in a boat, but the Indians find him and take him to the great King, Powhatan. The Indians want to kill him, but Powhatan has a daughter – the beautiful Pocahontas. She looks into John Smith's blue, blue eyes . . . and so begins a famous story of two countries, two people, and a love without end.



Pocahontas

A beautiful young Indian girl, and a brave Englishman. Black eyes, and blue eyes. A friendly smile, a laugh, a look of love . . . But this is North America in 1607, and love is not easy. The girl is the daughter of King Powhatan, and the Englishman is a white man. And the Indians of Virginia do not want the white men in their beautiful country.

This is the famous story of Pocahontas, and her love for the Englishman John Smith.

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	Yes	No
1 Pocahontas has blue eyes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Pocahontas is the daughter of a king.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 The English came to Virginia for a holiday.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 The English call their town after their king.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 The Indians lived in North America for a long time before 1607.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 The Indians wanted the English to go home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Pocahontas meets John Smith in Jamestown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. What happens in this story? Can you guess? Choose words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Pocahontas marries *John Smith / another Englishman*.
- 2 The Indians *kill / don't kill* John Smith.
- 3 The English and the Indians are *enemies / good friends*.
- 4 John Smith *stays in Virginia / goes back to England*.
- 5 Pocahontas stays in *Virginia / visits England*.
- 6 *Pocahontas / John Smith* dies when *she / he* is still young.
- 7 The story has a *happy ending / an unhappy ending*.