

Vocabulary

Instructions by way of advice, for the intended Voyage to Virginia John Smith

instructions: (n.) directions

endeavor: (n.) job

navigable: (adj.) a ship is able to pass through

wholesome: (adj.) good for you
fertile: (adj.) able to grow food

“... you shall do your best *endeavor* to find out a safe port in the entrance of some *navigable* river, making choice of such a one as runneth farthest into the land....”

“...you [may] make election of the strongest, most *wholesome* and *fertile* place...”

“...Neither must you plant in a low or moist place, because it will prove unhealthful...”

Questions:

1. What is the first instruction?
2. What was a worry of the colonists? Cite evidence from the passages.
3. What is the next instruction according to the second passage?
4. What is a second concern? Cite evidence from the passage.
5. What is the third instruction? What is John Smith's concern?
6. Why was location of the colony important according to John Smith?