

**Card 1**  
**The First Charter of Virginia, April 10, 1606**

Original Charter:

Passage 1

And we do likewise... give full Power and Authority to the said Sir Thomas Gates, Sir George Somers, Richard Hackluit, Edward-Maria Wingfeld, Thomas Hanham, Raleigh Gilbert, William Parker, and George Popham, ...that they...shall and may, at all and every time and times hereafter, have, take, and lead in the said Voyage, and for ... the said... Colonies...

Passage 2

And that also there shall be a Council, established here in England, which shall, in like manner, consist of thirteen Persons, to be for that Purpose, appointed by Us, our Heirs and Successors, which shall be called our Council of Virginia; And shall, from time to time, have the superior Managing and Direction...for all Matters that shall or may concern the Government...

Text Dependent Question

- 1) In passage 1 what form of government does this section of the First Charter of Virginia give the colonists? Provide evidence from the text.
- 2) In passage 2, who really is given control of governing the Virginia Colony?

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Modern Translation

Passage 1

We, the Virginia Company, give full power and authority to a group of gentlemen who are traveling to Virginia. They will lead during the voyage and once the colonists reach Virginia.

Passage 2

There will also be a council in England. This council will be made up of 13 men and be called the Council of Virginia. This council will provide management and direction on the government of the colony.

Text Dependent Questions

- 1) Confirm your predictions from the other side of this sheet.
  - a. In passage 1 what form of government does this section of the First Charter of Virginia give the colonists? Provide evidence from the text.
  - b. In passage 2, who really is given control of governing the Virginia Colony?
- 2) How would this form of government help the colonists survive and thrive?