

Card 2
The First Charter of Virginia, April 10, 1606

Original Charter:

And that they shall, or lawfully may, establish and cause to be made a Coin, to pass current there between the people of those several Colonies, for the more Ease of Traffick and Bargaining between and amongst them and the Natives there, of such Metal, and in such Manner and Form, as the said several Councils there shall limit and appoint.

Text Dependent Question

1) What legal right does this section of the First Charter of Virginia give the colonists? Provide evidence from the text.

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Modern Translation

The colonists can lawfully mint coins to be used as money. The council will determine what the money will look like and how much can be made. This money can be used for trade between colonies. It can also be used to trade with the natives.

Text Dependent Questions

- 1) Confirm the prediction you made on the other side of this sheet. What legal right does this section of the First Charter of Virginia give the colonists? Provide evidence from the text.
- 2) Who decides what the money looks like and how many coins are made?
- 3) How is the money to be used?
- 4) How would this law help the colonists survive and thrive?