

**Card 4**  
**The First Charter of Virginia, April 10, 1606**

Original Charter:

that they, ... for their several Defenses, encounter, expulse, repel, and resist, as well by Sea as by Land, by all Ways and Means whatsoever, all and every such Person or Persons, as without the especial License of the said several Colonies and Plantations, shall attempt to inhabit ... Colonies and Plantations, ... or that shall enterprise or attempt, at any time hereafter, the Hurt, Detriment, or Annoyance, of the said several Colonies or Plantations...

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**

For their defense, the colonists may approach, drive out, or fight against any person or group who attempts to live on the Virginia Colony's land without permission. The colonists may fight on sea or land and in anyway possible. Colonists may also defend their colony against any person or group who tries to hurt of bother the colony.

**Text Dependent Question**

- 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) What can the colonists do to anyone who comes to live on their land?
- 3) How would this law help the colonists survive and thrive?