The colonists were often veterans of the Roman Army who received agricultural land to develop. The agricultural communities provided bastions of loyal citizens in often-hostile areas of the Empire and often accelerated the process of Romanization among the nearby conquered peoples. Near the city of Damascus, in present-day Syria, the contemporary settlements of Mezze and Deraya can trace their origins back to villages opened for settlement by the Romans during the 3rd century CE. Ostosiedlung was the medieval eastward migration and settlement of Germanic-speaking peoples into less-populated regions of Central Europe, parts of Eastern Europe, and the Baltics.

The Iroquois Confederacy: The Iroquois Confederacy was nearly a military power consisting of Mohawks, Oneidas, Cayugas, and Senecas. It was founded in the late 1500s. The leaders were Degana Widah and Hiawatha. The Indians lived in log houses with relatives. Only sixty members of the original four-hundred colonists survived. The rest died of starvation because they did not possess the skills that were necessary to obtain food in the new world. John Rolfe: Rolfe was an Englishman who became a colonist in the early settlement of Virginia. He is best known as the man who married the Native American, Pocahontas and took her to his homeland of England. Rolfe was also the savior of the Virginia colony by perfecting the tobacco industry in North America. Governor of the colony during the "starving time," he wrote this "true relation" partly as his defense against accusations of failed leadership. That Jamestown wasn't abandoned for good in June 1610 is due to the chance meeting on the James River of the ship carrying the sixty surviving colonists back to England, and the ship bringing provisions and 300 new colonists from England. [Jesuit Relations, Vol. 4: 1616, index].

JAMESTOWN, 1623. Thirteen years after the "starving time," Jamestown was still a place where barely-holding-on counted as success, but with the introduction of tobacco cultivation the colony had its first lifeline.