

SUCCESSFUL EUROPEAN COLONIES IN THE NEW WORLD

FOLLOW-UP ASSIGNMENT

“*Early European colonies in the New World succeeded only if local Indians allowed them to and if they were lucky,*” asserts Prof. Kathleen Duval in the Understanding for this lesson. For the British colonies below, cite evidence from the personal accounts that reveal how luck and the Indians’ attitude toward the colonists influenced the colonies’ survival.

[Links below are active. See also the primary source collection American Beginnings: Theme III, Sections 1 & 2, for the colonists’ accounts.]

Personal Accounts of Early Colonies	How did the local Indians “allow” the settlers to succeed?	How were the early colonists “lucky” in their success?
<p>JAMESTOWN Virginia founded 1607</p> <p>Text: George Percy, <i>Observations Gathered out of a Discourse of the Plantation of the Southern Colony in Virginia by the English</i>, 1608, excerpts</p> <p>LINK</p>		
<p>PLYMOUTH [Massachusetts] founded 1620</p> <p>Text: William Bradford, <i>History of Plymouth Plantation</i>, 1656, excerpts</p> <p>LINK</p>		
<p>MASSACHU-SETTS BAY founded 1630</p> <p>Text: <i>Memoir of Roger Clap</i>, 1680s, excerpts</p> <p>LINK</p>		