

# Pocahontas

**Pocahontas meant “playful, frolicsome little girl”.**

- Pocahontas was born around 1595 and died 1617.
- Pocahontas was the daughter of American Indian chief, Powhatan. He was chief of the Algonquian Indians of Virginia.
- Captain John Smith, the English leader of Jamestown, Va. settlers, met Pocahontas in Jamestown around 1607 when she was twelve years old. Stories were told that she saved Smith’s life when he was taken captive by Indians.
- Pocahontas and other tribal members brought food to the settlers who were struggling to survive.
- Pocahontas married a member of her tribe when she was about fourteen.
- The Indians and settlers traded food and supplies for a short time. Fighting eventually broke out between the settlers and the Indians.
- Pocahontas was captured by English settlers. During captivity she fell in love with Englishman John Rolfe. She converted to Christianity and was christened “Rebecca”. She married John Rolfe in 1614.
- Pocahontas’s marriage was said to have created a general peace and spirit of goodwill between the English settlers and Indians.
- Pocahontas went to London with John Rolfe in 1616.
- She became ill in London and died before she was able to return to America. She was 22 years old.



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