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The Chesapeake Bay Native Americans at first attacked the English because of their first meeting with the Spanish. The reason being that the Spanish attacked them and tried to make them slaves. Once they actually met them they became less hostile and offered the colonists food. The real reason the chief Powhatan originally wanted to absorb the colonists into their clan. The colonists were seeking for instant wealth and neglected growing corn and other crops along with being neglectant on making the colony self reliant. Which ultimately led the colonists to be even more reliant of the Native Americans more as time went on.

Over two years the colonists really deteriorated. Captain John Smith is the savior of the colony. He saved it by establishing trade with the Native Americans. Though unfortunately John wanted to treat the Native Americans just like the Spanish did. Once the negotiations fell through John took the food he needed if the negotiations failed time to time.

The Native Americans found out that the colonists were staying and Powhatan was disappointed that the colonists did not want to intermarry with the Native Americans. Powhatan then figured out that the colonists were taking their land. Once he found out that the colonists did not want to be completely allies or such they started attacking the colonists. Powhatan attacked and killed their farm animals and put fire to their crops, along with killing the colonists. When the colonists confronted the Native Americans they said that they could do nothing to stop the younger ones and did not show much emotion when they were talked to.

Throughout the next decade the colonists conducted search and destroy missions of Native American villages and crops. During one mission they captured Pocahontas who was

Powhatan's favorite daughter and married her to John Rolfe. The marriage did not help with their relationship to the Native Americans.

The English settlers then started taking more land for tobacco farms with took a lot of resources from the ground. With further development into the Native Americans lands and the Natives then found out that if the colonists did not stop they would keep cutting down forests and killing more and more of the wildlife in which the Natives depended on for a food source. All the while the settlers tried to convert the Native American into christianity. When Powhatan and Pocahontis died this just hastened the hostilities between them.

Powhatan's brother Opechancanough then pretended to be friends with the colonists until it was the right time for them to attack. Then one day they killed nearly 350 colonists and Jamestown was saved by a Native American convert into christianity by talking the attackers. The attackers listened to the converted Native and stopped killing the colonists. After this all happened the English just solidified its idea of the Native Americans and the English to the Natives. The idea just kept hardening as more and more interactions became bloody for both sides.

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