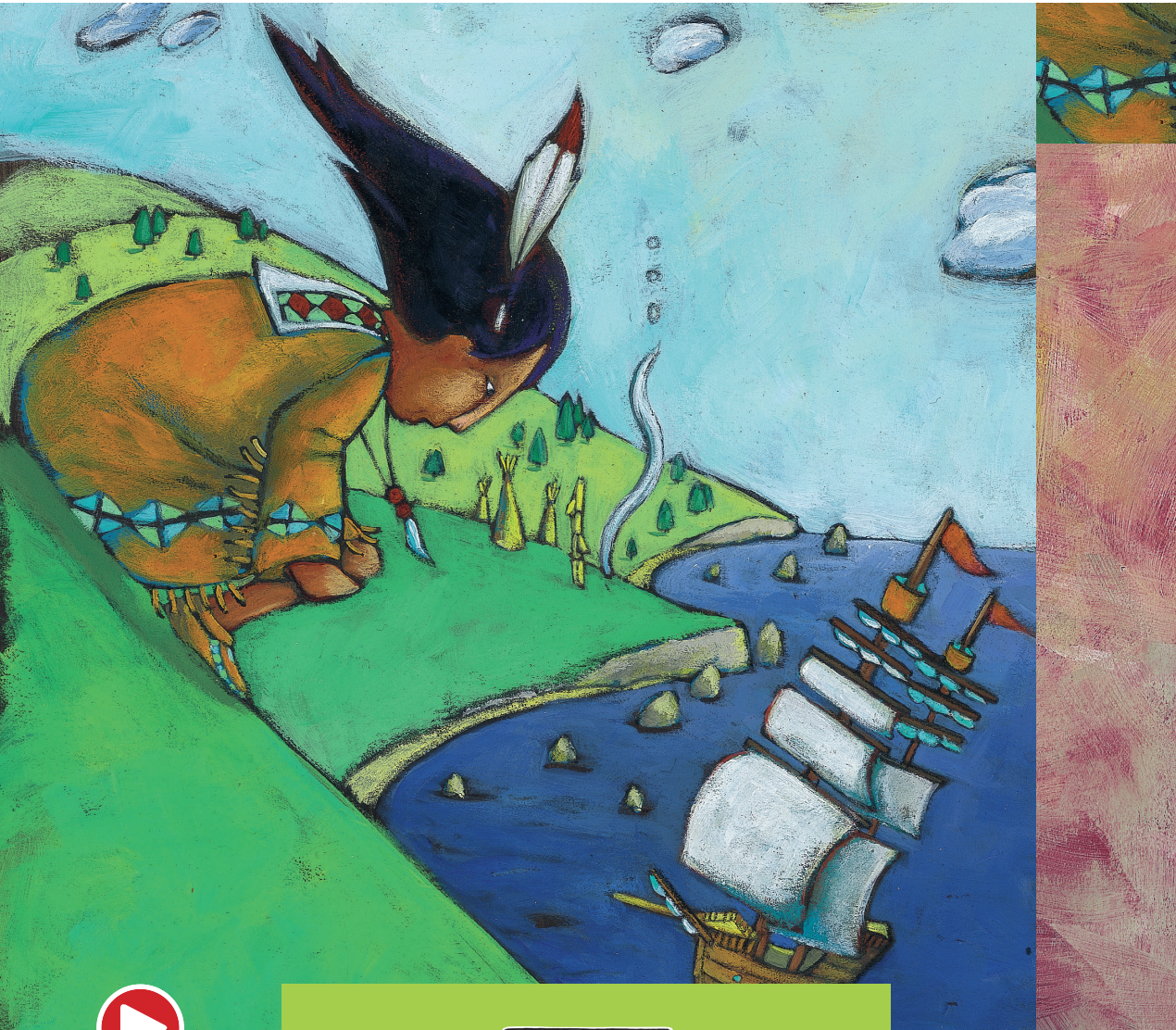




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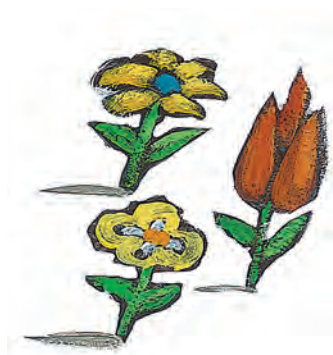


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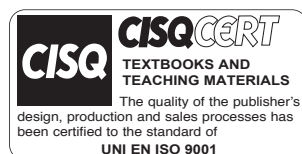
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Is this a true story?



Yes, this is a true story. The Indian princess Pocahontas was born near Jamestown in 1595. Captain John Smith wrote many of the events of this story in his books.

Some details were added and other details were forgotten. But the story you will read in this book really happened! This is the **true** story of Pocahontas.



Pocahontas in London (1616)
by unknown artist.

This is a map of the Virginia Colony and the settlement of Jamestown on the James River.





John Smith gives a crown to Wahunsonacock in a 19th-century painting.

John Smith and the colonists wanted to keep peaceful relations with Pocahontas' father, Chief Powhatan. Chief Powhatan's other name was Chief Wahunsonacock.

King James I sent presents to the chief. John Smith gave the chief a beautiful crown and proclaimed him King of the Powhatan Empire. However, Chief Wahunsonacock did not know that the Powhatan Empire remained under King James!

BEFORE YOU READ

1 Do you know these words?



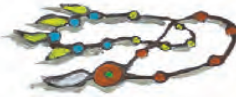
weapons



corn



sailing ship



beads and trinkets



longhouse



gold and riches



bow and arrow

2 Match these definitions with the words in the tepee.

- a. A small wooden house is a
- b. travel to another land to live there permanently.
- c. A is a wild, uncultivated land. There are no people.
- d. A small Indian boat is a
- e. are Indian men of magic.
- f. A cultivates the land.

canoe
farmer
settlers
wilderness
hut or cabin
medicine men



The Sailing Ship



May was a beautiful month in the land of the Algonquin Indians. There were tall trees and colorful flowers everywhere. The sky and the sea were deep blue.

Pocahontas was the favorite daughter of Chief Powhatan. She was an Indian princess. Chief Powhatan was a powerful chief of the Algonquin tribe.

Pocahontas was eleven years old. She was a lovely young girl with black hair and dark eyes. She wore a buckskin dress¹ and moccasins.² She had a feather³ in her hair.



1. buckskin dress :



2. moccasins :



3. feather :



Pocahontas



Pocahontas was always happy. She ran in the forest and danced in the fields. She sat on the hill and looked at the blue sea.

On May 6, 1607, Pocahontas sat on the hill and she saw something strange in the bay. It was a big sailing ship! She was very surprised. The sailing ship was something new. It had big white sails and flags. She looked at it for a long time. Where did it come from? Why was it there? She was very excited.

Pocahontas ran to her village to tell her father and brother the news.

"Father, father!" she said. "There's a big sailing ship in the bay! It has white sails and colored flags!"

Her father, Chief Powhatan, was outside his longhouse. He was a tall man, with long black hair. He wore the feathers of an Indian chief on his head. He listened to the news, but he was not happy.

"The white men are here," Powhatan said sadly. "This is bad news for our people. There is no peace with the white men here."

Nantaquas was Pocahontas' brother. He was eighteen years old. He was a strong Indian warrior. He looked at his sister and said, "In the past the white people killed the Indians. They want to take our land."

"Oh, Nantaquas, let's go to see the white people. Let's go to see their big ship!" said Pocahontas.

"You can go to see them, but don't go near the ship. Stay far away! Be careful!" said Powhatan. "Remember, Pocahontas, white men are dangerous."

Nantaquas and Pocahontas went to the river. There were many canoes near the river. They got into a small canoe. Then



Pocahontas



Nantaquas paddled ¹ down the river to the bay. In the bay they saw the big sailing ship. There was a tall, white man on the ship. He smiled at them. There were other white men too. They all looked at the small canoe and at the two Indians.

Pocahontas smiled at the white man. "Let's go to the ship," she said.

"No," said Nantaquas. "It's dangerous. We don't know who these white men are. We can look and then go home. We must obey our father."

The white man on the ship smiled again. "Look, Nantaquas," said Pocahontas, "that man has red hair and white skin! He's smiling at us. Look at his clothes! They are strange."

Nantaquas turned the canoe and paddled up the river. When they arrived home, Nantaquas said, "I saw a big sailing ship. There were many white men on the ship." Powhatan talked to his medicine men and tribe advisers. ² They all sat inside the longhouse for a long time.

He said, "White men bring us problems. They have a strange magic. They carry thundersticks ³ to kill our people. They want to take our land, our lakes, our rivers and our forests. They can stay for a short time but they cannot stay here forever. Let's watch them and see what they do!"

1. **paddled** : moved a canoe with a paddle.



2. **tribe advisers** : old Indians who know many things.

3. **thundersticks** : Indian expression for rifles, muskets.



UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

KET

1

Are sentences 1-7 "Right" (A) or "Wrong" (B)?

If there is not enough information to answer "Right" (A) or "Wrong" (B), choose "Doesn't say" (C).

0. The story begins in the month of May.
☒ A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
1. Chief Powhatan was the chief of the Nantaquas tribe.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
2. Pocahontas was the granddaughter of an Indian chief.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
3. She sang many Indian songs.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
4. On May 6, 1607, Pocahontas saw two sailing ships in the bay.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
5. Chief Powhatan had five children.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
6. Pocahontas and her brother went to see the sailing ship.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
7. A white man on the ship smiled at Pocahontas and her brother.
A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

2

Look at the adjectives below. Then look at the nouns in the box. Put each noun next to the adjective that best describes it. One is done for you. There can be more than one noun for each adjective.

man dress food eyes child biscuit
weather tree sky daughter flowers

tall: tree,

colorful:

sweet:

blue:

bad:

strong:

3

Complete the five conversations.
For questions 1-5, mark A, B or C.

0. Do you like corn?

A ☐ Yes, I have.

B ☒ Yes, I do.

C ☐ No, I can't.

1. Can I go to see the ship?

A ☐ At two o'clock.

B ☐ No, you don't.

C ☐ Yes, you can.

2. When will Nantaquas come back?

A ☐ I don't know.

B ☐ He will.

C ☐ Yesterday.

3. Where's the big canoe?

A ☐ It's small.

B ☐ No, it isn't.

C ☐ Near the river.

4. Can you give me the paddles?

A ☐ Yes, I do.

B ☐ Yes, of course.

C ☐ No, I'm not.

5. Do you want to play in the forest?

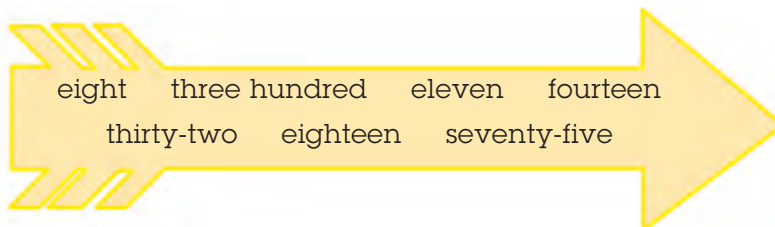
A ☐ Yes, I played.

B ☐ Tomorrow morning.

C ☐ Yes, please.

4

Substitute the number with the correct word in the arrow.



- a. Pocahontas is 11 years old.
- b. Her brother Nantaquas is 18 years old.
- c. There are 300 Indians in the forest.
- d. Chief Powhatan has 8 brothers.
- e. Pocahontas saw 14 red flowers on the hill.
- f. There were 32 trees near the sea.
- g. There were 75 men on the sailing ship.



5

Listen to this dictation carefully. Then listen to it again and fill in the gaps.

Pocahontas was an Indian ¹ She was always
² She lived near the ³ She was ⁴
 years old. She had ⁵ hair. Her ⁶ was Chief
 Powhatan. Her ⁷ was called Nantaquas. He was a strong
 warrior. He was eighteen years ⁸ Chief Powhatan didn't
⁹ white men.