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On April 26, 1607, Captain Christopher Newport anchored three ships at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, where he opened a sealed document given to him by officials of the Virginia Company. The document contained specific instructions that described how settlers should establish a colony for the Virginia Company.

Issues & Controversies in American History includes an array of valuable EDUCATOR RESOURCES and critical-thinking assets to enhance any lesson or debate prep.

- **Original overview videos**—specially developed for selected articles—introduce key issues in a clear and dynamic fashion and are perfect discussion starters
- **Printable handouts** can be downloaded as PDFs and include special activities, collaborative projects, and homework assignments
- **“Extend the Lesson” sections** pose counterfactual “What If?” questions that challenge students to think about the issues beyond the scope of the article and to lead in-class debates
- **Discussion questions and self assessments with answer keys** promote critical thinking and inspire further exploration of every topic
- **Plus, valuable learning objectives, academic standards, procedures, and resources sections**

**Discussion Questions**
1. What factors do you think were most responsible for the witchcraft hysteria in Salem in 1692?
2. Why do you think the Salem witch trials and the causes of the “witch hunt” continue to be of such great interest more than three centuries later?
3. Read Issues & Controversies in American History article “McCullough:” Do you see any similarities between the witchcraft trials of 1692 and antebellum trials of the 1850s?

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