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Painting of Pocahontas saving John Smith



Portrait of Pocahontas

Pocahontas

Pocahontas was the daughter of Powhatan, a major chief of a Native American tribe. She was born about 1595 in what is now Virginia. It was a time when the English were beginning to settle in North America.

Pocahontas grew up near the first English settlement, called Jamestown. As a young girl, she made friends with the English settlers. She brought them food and played games with the boys. When the English settler, John Smith, was captured by her tribe and was about to be killed, legend says that Pocahontas asked her father to let him go. Her father let John Smith live.

Pocahontas later married another English settler named John Rolfe in 1614. She and John had a son named Thomas. Pocahontas became a Christian and took the English name of Rebecca.

In 1616, John and Pocahontas travelled to England. Once there, she became very popular and attended many parties. She also met with John Smith, the man she had saved years earlier.

John Rolfe and Pocahontas started back to America in 1617. However, Pocahontas became sick and died. She was buried in England. John Rolfe and their son, Thomas, returned to Virginia.



Painting of Pocahontas marrying John Rolfe

Where was Pocahontas born?

Who did Pocahontas save?

What was Pocahontas' English name?

Who was Pocahontas' father?

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Who did Pocahontas save?

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Who was Pocahontas' father?

Chief Powhatan