

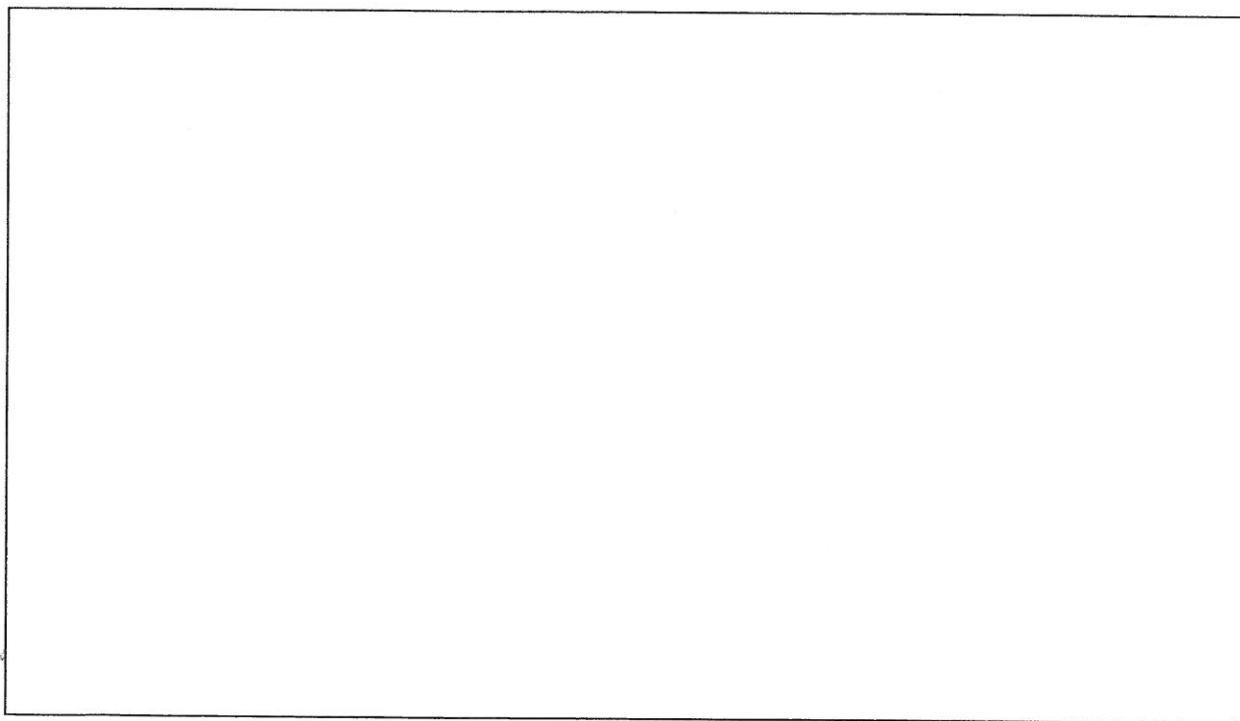
Adapting Reading Selections

Early British Colonies in America

The following is an original passage from the text, *United States History 1600-1987*, (INS, 1987, P6)¹⁰.

Virginia

The first permanent colony was Jamestown, Virginia (16-7). These colonists came from England to try to make money by trading with Europe. They believed that they would find gold and silver as the Spanish had in South America, and then they would be rich. When they got to Jamestown, most of the men tried to find gold. They did not want to do the difficult jobs of building, planting food crops, and cutting firewood. One of the colonists, John Smith, saw how dangerous this could be. He took charge and made everyone work to survive. He is remembered for his good practical leadership. Still, less than half of the colonists survived the first few years. Only new settlers and supplies from England made it possible for the colony to survive. The discovery of tobacco as a cash crop to be traded in Europe guaranteed that the colony would do well.



¹⁰ Adapted from Short, D. (1991). *How to integrate language and content instruction: A training manual* (pp. 29-30). Washington, DC: Center for Applied Linguistics.