

Directions for Act-It-Outs

You will work in a small group to bring to life images of three settlements: Roanoke, Jamestown, and Plymouth. Your teacher will select one member from your group to play the part of your assigned figure. A reporter will interview figures that appear in the three images. Follow the directions in each section to create your act-it-out.

Roanoke

To prepare for the Roanoke act-it-out, follow these steps:

Step 1: After you have read Section 2 of your book, discuss the questions below and make sure everyone can answer each one.

- Why did people move to Roanoke?
- What hardships did these settlers face?
- How did the American Indians in the area treat these first settlers?
- What do you think happened to the people who settled here?
- Why do you think the settlement failed?
- What do you think the people could have done to make the settlement successful?

Step 2: Discuss how the person who is chosen to perform can make the character come alive. Use visual and written information to make your presentation of the character realistic. Collect simple props that you can use during the act-it-out.

Jamestown

To prepare for the Jamestown act-it-out, follow these steps:

Step 1: After you have read Section 3 of your book, discuss the questions below and make sure everyone can answer each question.

- Why did you come to Jamestown?
- What hardships did you face when you first arrived?
- What mistakes did you and the other settlers make in the beginning that made survival even more difficult?
- How did the American Indians in the area treat you when you first arrived?
- What do you think of your leader, Captain John Smith?
- How did life improve for you after 1607?
- Why do you think your settlement has been successful?

Step 2: Discuss how the person who is chosen to perform can make the character come alive. Use visual and written information to make your presentation of the character realistic. Collect simple props that you can use during the act-it-out.

Plymouth

To prepare for the Plymouth act-it-out, follow these steps:

Step 1: After you have read Section 4 of your book, discuss the questions below and make sure everyone can answer each question.

- Why did you come to Plymouth?
- Why did you think it was important for the settlers to agree to the Mayflower Compact?
- What hardships did you face when you first arrived?
- What mistakes did you and the other settlers make in the beginning that made survival even more difficult?
- How did the American Indians in the area treat you when you first arrived?
- How has life improved since you first arrived?
- Why do you think your settlement has been successful?

Step 2: Discuss how the person who is chosen to perform can make the character come alive. Use visual and written information to make your presentation of the character realistic. Collect simple props that you can use during the act-it-out.