

## Captain John Smith Further Learning

Instructions: After completing the lecture and assignment, scan through these options and choose 1 or 2, to further your learning of the topic

### Recommended Movies:

#### The New World

Director: Terrence Malick

Runtime: 2 hours 50 minutes

Pros: Great historical costumes and setting, filmed on location. Has a lot of subtle historical truths

Cons: The main plot is historically inaccurate. Perpetuates the myth that Indians were perfect before the English arrived. A poetic movie, so it may be boring for middle school/high school viewers



### Recommended Readings:

#### The Tempest

By: William Shakespeare

Pros: If you like theater/plays this was Shakespeare's play that was inspired by the Jamestown Shipwreck

Cons: Does not try to be historical at all

#### Lost Colony of Roanoke

[Link](#)

Very short reading over the lost colony

### Recommended Field Trips:

#### Historic Jamestown

Check out the Historic Fort and town. See original artifacts in the museums, but most importantly check out the huge statue of John Smith

### Recommended Books:

#### White Cargo

By: Don Jordan and Michael Walsh

Pages: 280

About the White Slave trade in Jamestown and Early America. Has a few parts about John Smith speaking out against it.

## Recommended Videos:

[3 Myths Debunked: Indentured Servants In America](#)

[Why we associate John Smith with Pocahontas romantically](#)

## Recommended Poems:

### The Sea Mark

Author: Captain John Smith

**A**LOOFE, aloofe, and come no neare  
the dangers doe appeare;  
Which if my ruine had not beene  
you had not seene:  
I onely lie upon this shelve  
to be a mark to all  
which on the same might fall,  
That none may perish but my selfe.

If in or outward you be bound,  
doe not forget to sound;  
Neglect of that was cause of this  
to steare amisse.  
The Seas were calme, the wind was faire,  
that made me so secure,  
that now I must indure  
All weathers be they foule or faire.

The Winters cold, the Summers heat,  
alternatively beat  
Upon my bruised sides, that rue  
because too true  
That no releefe can ever come.  
But why should I despair  
Being promised so faire  
That there shall be a day of Dome.

Reflect: At what stage of John Smith's Life do you think he wrote this Poem?

John Smith's Epitaph on his grave

*Here lies one conquered that hath conquered Kings.  
Subdued large territories, and done things  
Which to the World impossible would seem,  
But that the Truth is held in more esteem.  
Shall I report his former Service done  
In honour of his God and Christendom?  
How that he did divide from Pagans three  
For which great Service in that Climate done,  
Brave Sigismundus, King of Hungarian,  
Did give him as a Coat of Armes to wear,  
These Conquered Heads got by his Sword and Spear.  
Or shall I tell of his Adventures since  
Done in Virginia, that large Continent?  
How that he subdued Kings unto his Yoke,  
And made those heathen flee, as Wind doth Smoke:  
And made their land, being of so large a Station  
An Habitation for our Christian Nation,  
Where God is glorify'd, their Wants supply'd;  
Which else, for Necessaries must have died.  
But what avails his Conquests, now he lies  
Interr'd In Earth, a Prey to Worms and Flyes?  
O! May his Soul in sweet Elysium sleep,  
Until the Keeper that all Souls doth keep,  
Return to Judgment; and that after thence,  
With Angels he may have his Recompence.*

Reflect: Is this a fitting Epitaph for John Smith