

## *Serving Time in Virginia*

From

Davidson and Lytle, *After the Fact*

### **Discussion Questions**

*Please be prepared to respond to the following questions tomorrow in class...*

1. What does the article suggest is missing from Smith's account of his "capture"? What would you need to know or study to fully understand what happened?
2. Describe the main challenges and obstacles that the Chesapeake settlers faced?
3. What do the authors of this article identify as the reasons for the early failure of the Jamestown colony and the death of most settlers in the first ten years?
4. Why did Jamestown settlers not produce high corn yields when corn could be grown so easily? What evidence is there to support the belief that the settlers would not grow corn? What does this tell you about the early Jamestown settlers?
5. According to the article what were the advantages to having servants instead of slaves?
6. What "ingredients of slavery" are found in Virginia? Do historical records support the argument that Virginia fit the model for slavery in the 17<sup>th</sup> century?