



## **Student Activity**

### **Jamestown & Yorktown** **Drive Thru History/American History**

#### **Vocabulary:**

palisades, brackish water, eulogy, General Cornwallis, General Washington, Battle of Yorktown, Colonial Williamsburg, Colonial Jamestown

#### **Pre-Viewing Discussion:**

Why is Jamestown such an important location in American History?

What other nearby towns date back to the earliest days of American settlement in the New World?

What is so unique about present-day Williamsburg?

Would you like to visit Williamsburg? What buildings in particular would you like to visit? What makes Williamsburg such a charming city to visit?

#### **Post-Viewing Discussion:**

Why was Jamestown established on a swampy peninsula and not on the mainland?

What role did Pocahontas play in the survival of Jamestown and its inhabitants?

What famous quotation was part of Henry Nelson's eulogy? Why was Henry Nelson so well respected? What role did he play in the Battle of Yorktown?

#### **Further Activities:**

Further investigate conditions in Jamestown in the first few years of English settlement there.

Find a map of early Jamestown. Use this as a basis for a written description of the colony.

Further investigate the history and culture of the Powhatan Indians.

Further investigate the armaments used at the Battle of Yorktown.