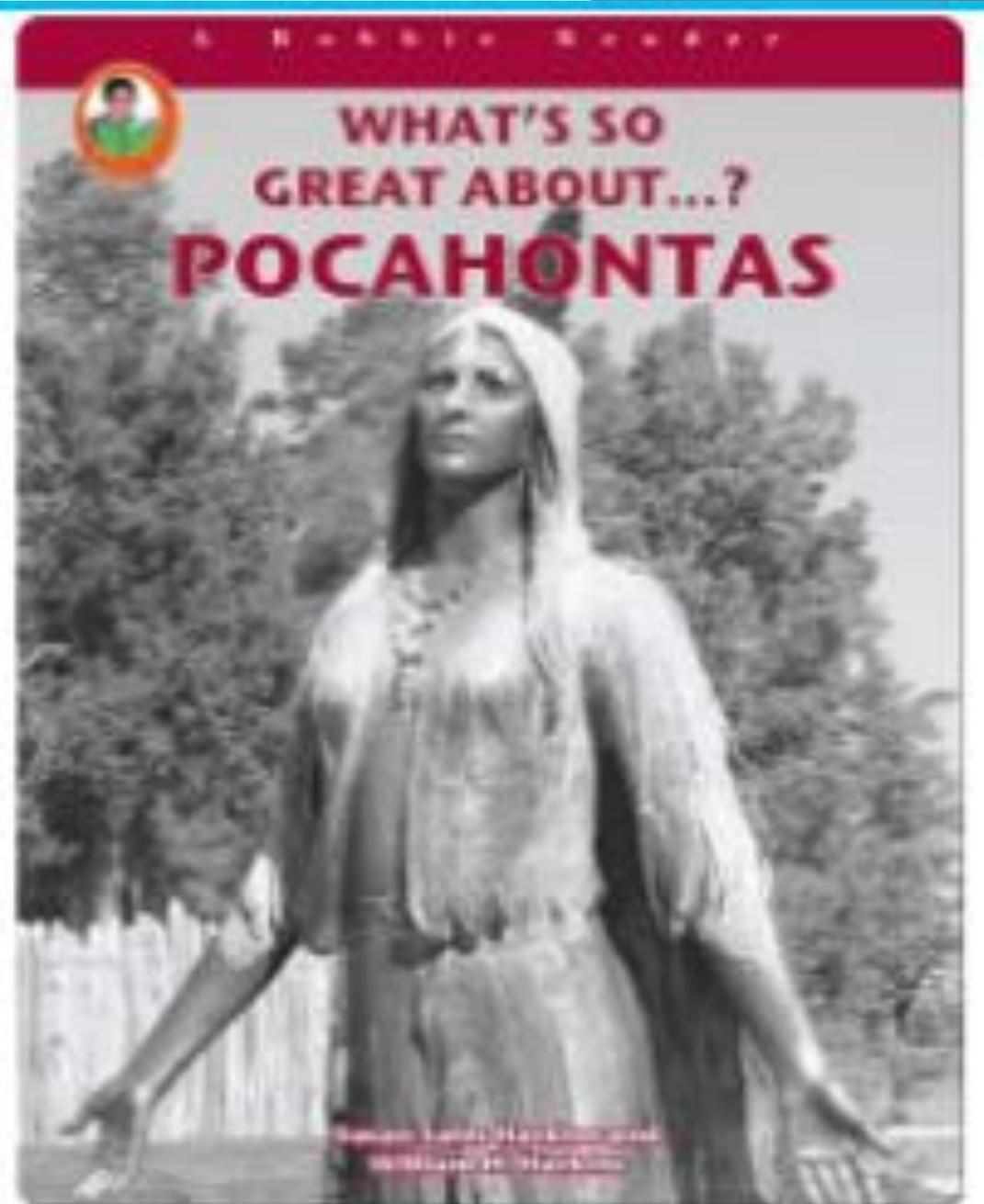


This half term, we are going to find out about our Cojo Person Pocahontas.

What do you know about Pocahontas?

Why do you think she is important?

What can you tell from this front cover?



Here is the contents page of the book.

Why does this book need a contents page?

Does this make this book fiction or non fiction? How do you know?

What is the title of Chapter 3?

What page is the glossary on?

There is a section in the book called Find out more. What do you think will be in this section? Why do you think it is there?

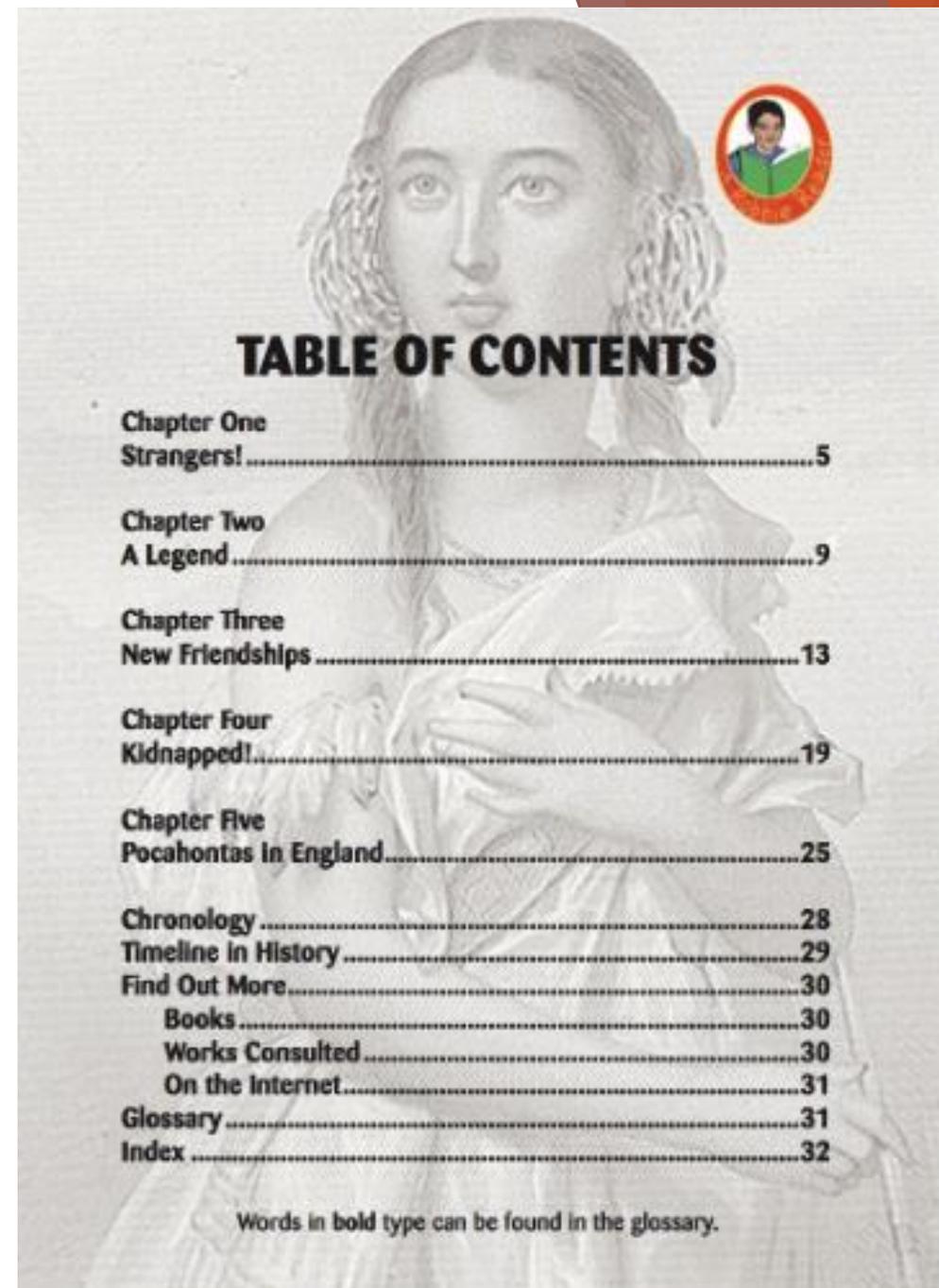


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Words in bold type can be found in the glossary.



English settlers build Fort James. In December of 1606, a group of brave adventurers left England for the New World. They crossed the Atlantic in three small ships, the *Discovery*, the *Godspeed*, and the *Susan Constant*. After almost four months at sea, the colonists spotted land—what we know today as the Chesapeake Bay area. Unseen by the Englishmen, native people watched the ships sail up the river.



CHAPTER ONE

Strangers!

Pocahontas (poh-kah-HON-tus) spotted her father ahead. “Father! Father! My brother has news of the white men!” she shouted. Powhatan (POW-ah-tan) was the great chief of the Powhatan people.

Pocahontas returned her father’s quick smile. Then the old man greeted his son, who was also a chief.

“Father, I met the white men,” her brother said. “They came ashore and our women cooked a feast. Newport is their chief’s name. England is their home across the sea. They are rich. They left many gifts. These strange men seem friendly, but a gun on their boat makes a noise as loud as thunder!”

Look at the picture on page 4. Describe what you can see.

How do you know this story is set in the past?

It says that the English people set out for the New World. What is the New World? Why do you think it was called the New World?

What was the name of the 3 ships that set off from England?

It says the native people were watching. What or Who are native people?

Read the text on page 5.

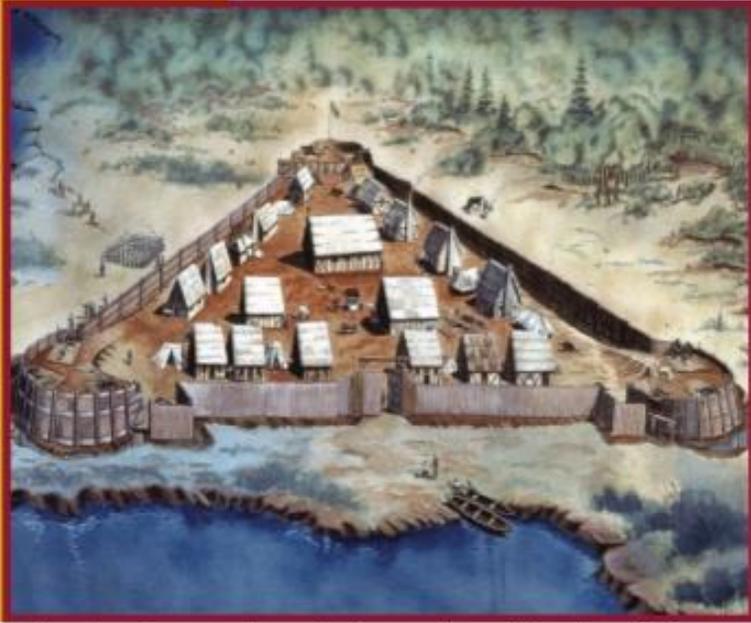
Who are the 2 main characters on this page?

Why are Pocahontas and Powhatan's names written in brackets?

The text keeps repeating the phrase 'White men.' Why do you think that the travellers from England are referred to as white men and not their names?

What is a chief?

Find the simile in the text.



At first, Fort James was just a few huts and tents. After a local tribe attacked the settlers, the Englishmen built a wall around their settlement.

“This is good news. We should make these strangers our friends,” her father said.

Weeks before, Pocahontas had heard of the strangers who floated up and down the great river in three big boats. Why had they come? she wondered.

When the corn sprouted, the white men moved to a small island. They named their new

home Fort James. Pocahontas wasn't afraid of the white men, but she was curious. Animals and mosquitoes lived on that island, but not people. She wondered why the white men had chosen such a dreadful place to live.

By the time the corn was tall, most of the strangers were ill. Many died from drinking germmy water. Some of her people thought the white men were starving. Why did they stay inside their fort instead of hunting and fishing? Pocahontas wondered.

That summer was dry. Corn wilted in the fields. After the small harvest, the Englishmen traded beads, **copper**, and farming tools for food. Pocahontas heard that one of the white chiefs, John Smith, was a fair trader. After trading, he left each village with many **bushels** of corn for his people.

Near their villages, the Powhatans grew maize (corn) and other vegetables. There were about 14,000 Powhatans in the Chesapeake Bay area when the English settlers arrived.



Look at the picture on page 6. This is a drawing of Fort James, the town the English people made. What can you see in the picture? How would they have survived? What would they have needed? Why have they built a wall? Why might they have been attacked?

Why do you think the white men were dying and Pocahontas and her tribe were able to survive? Do you think Pocahontas thought that the white men had made a good settlement?

The White Men and the Powhatan traded. Why do you think they traded? What did the White Men need? What did the Powhatan tribe need? Do you think this is a fair trade? Why/Why not?