

# Pocahontas: Legend vs. History

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## Firsthand Accounts & Historical Documents

Pocahontas and John Smith were both young adults when they met.	Pocahontas was a girl of 11; Smith was a man of 28.
Pocahontas had an amazing figure, and wore a leather minidress with one shoulder strap. She had a tattoo.	Pocahontas was a <a href="#">naked child</a> when she visited John Smith in Jamestown. For Winter warmth, she would wear a mantle; one of hers was covered with feathers. When she turned 12, she started wearing a <a href="#">leather dress with or without one shoulder strap</a> . Dresses were often decorated with pictures of animals, birds, or tortoises. She probably did have tattoos.
John Smith was tall and clean shaven. He wore tight pants and some armor.	John Smith was short, had a full beard, and wore puffy pants (like everyone else). He did wear the type of armor shown.
As soon as they landed, John Smith started scouting around.	John Smith was arrested and clapped in irons during the voyage, and was not released until a month after the landing at Jamestown. After that, he did plenty of exploring and trading. He mapped most of the area.
John Smith was captured when ventured out alone at night to meet Pocahontas.	John Smith was captured on an expedition one day in December, when he and his Indian guide split off from the other two Englishmen.
John Smith was going to be executed on top of a bluff at dawn, in front of an army of colonists who had come to rescue him.	It appeared that John Smith was going to be executed in Powhatan's long house, in front of Powhatan's warriors and counselors. The colonists did not know where he was.
John Smith and Pocahontas met in the wilderness and fell in love, like Romeo and Juliet.	John Smith met Pocahontas when she "rescued" him from execution. Powhatan then adopted Smith as his son, "Nantaquoud". Pocahontas and her new kinsman became good friends.
Pocahontas was engaged to Kocoum, but she chose John Smith instead.	This really belongs in <i>Pocahontas II</i> . After John Smith went home to England, then Pocahontas was engaged to Kocoum, but she chose <b>John Rolfe</b> instead.
Back in England, Ratcliffe tries to have Smith killed. Smith escapes but decides to lay low. Pocahontas hears that he has died.	When Smith was evacuated to England for treatment of his gunpowder wound in October 1609, the colonists told Pocahontas that he had died.
Handsome diplomat John Rolfe is dispatched to Virginia. He manages to mistake Pocahontas for the chief at first, but recovers quickly.	While Pocahontas was being held hostage at Jamestown in 1613, she met colonist John Rolfe, a successful tobacco planter and sincere Christian. She converted to Christianity and married him in April 1614.
Pocahontas and Rolfe rush to England, on a desperate mission to avert the war.	The "Peace of Pocahontas" began with the marriage of Pocahontas to John Rolfe. Their son Thomas was born around 1615. In 1616, the Virginia Company sent the Rolfe family on a promotional English tour, with several other Indians and colonists.
Pocahontas and John Rolfe set sail for Virginia. Love is in the air. The End.	The Rolfe family set sail for Virginia, but disease was in the air. Pocahontas died at Gravesend.