

Meet Amazing Americans: Pocahontas



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Pocahontas was a Native American woman who lived in the 17th century. She was the daughter of Powhatan, the chief of a powerful confederacy of Native American tribes in the Chesapeake Bay region. Pocahontas is best known for her interactions with the English colonists at Jamestown, and for her role in helping to establish peace between the two groups.

Early Life

Pocahontas was born around 1596 in Werowocomoco, the capital of the Powhatan Confederacy. Her father, Powhatan, was a powerful and influential leader, and Pocahontas was raised to be a respected member of her community. She was intelligent and quick-witted, and she learned to speak both her native Algonquian language and English.

As a young woman, Pocahontas was known for her beauty and her kindness. She was also a skilled diplomat, and she often represented her father in negotiations with the English. In 1607, she met Captain John Smith, one of the leaders of the Jamestown colony. Smith was captured by the Powhatan and held captive for several months. During this time, Pocahontas befriended Smith and helped to save his life on several occasions.

Marriage to John Rolfe

In 1613, Pocahontas married John Rolfe, a prominent English colonist. The marriage was arranged by Powhatan in an effort to strengthen the alliance

between the two groups. Pocahontas and Rolfe had one child, a son named Thomas. In 1616, Pocahontas traveled to England with Rolfe and her son. She was presented to King James I and Queen Anne, and she was treated with great respect.

Pocahontas died in England in 1617, at the age of 21. She was buried in the churchyard of St. George's Church in Gravesend, Kent. Her death was a great loss to both the English and the Native Americans. She was a symbol of peace and reconciliation between the two groups, and her legacy continues to inspire people today.

Legacy

Pocahontas is one of the most famous Native American women in history. She has been the subject of numerous books, movies, and television shows. She is also a popular figure in American folklore. Pocahontas is an inspiration to many people, and her story continues to be told today.

Additional Information

* Pocahontas's real name was Matoaka. * She was also known as Amonute. * She was the first Native American to visit England. * Her son, Thomas, became a successful planter in Virginia. * Pocahontas is buried in St. George's Church in Gravesend, Kent.

Pocahontas was a remarkable woman who played a significant role in American history. She was a bridge between two cultures, and her story continues to inspire people today.

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