### **Pocahontas: A Great Woman in History**



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Pocahontas was a Native American woman who played a pivotal role in the early history of the United States. She was born around 1596 in Werowocomoco, the capital of the Powhatan Confederacy, which was located in present-day Virginia. Her father, Powhatan, was the chief of the confederacy, and her mother was one of his many wives.

Pocahontas was a beautiful and intelligent young woman. She was also a skilled diplomat and negotiator. In 1607, she met John Smith, one of the first English colonists to arrive in Virginia. Smith was captured by the Powhatan Confederacy, but Pocahontas saved his life. She also helped the colonists to establish a settlement at Jamestown.

Pocahontas's relationship with the colonists was not always easy. She was often torn between her loyalty to her people and her desire to help the colonists. In 1613, she was kidnapped by the English and taken to England. She was presented to King James I and Queen Anne, and she was baptized into the Christian faith.

Pocahontas died in England in 1617, at the age of 22. She was buried in the churchyard of St. George's Church in Gravesend, Kent. Her grave is a popular tourist destination, and it is a reminder of her important role in the history of the United States.

Pocahontas's legacy is one of peace and reconciliation. She was a bridge between two cultures, and she helped to pave the way for a better understanding between the Native Americans and the colonists.

#### **Additional Resources**

National Park Service: Pocahontas

History.com: Pocahontas

Encyclopedia Britannica: Pocahontas



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