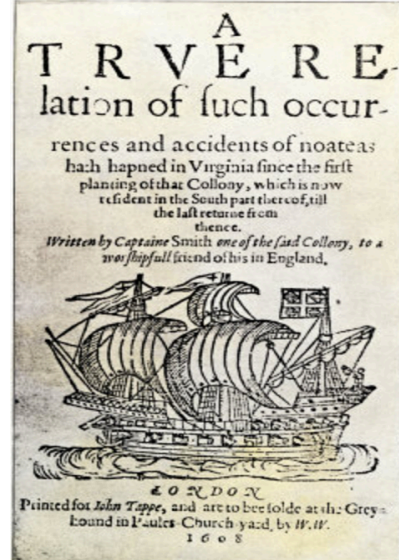


Document A: *True Relation* (Modified)

Arriving in Werowocomoco, the **emperor** welcomed me with good words and great platters of food. He promised me his friendship and my freedom within four days. . . . He asked me why we came and why we went further with our boat. . . . He promised to give me what I wanted and to feed us if we made him hatchets and copper. I promised to do this. And so, with all this kindness, he sent me home.



Cover of *A True Relation*, 1608

Source: Excerpt from John Smith's book *A True Relation of Such Occurrences and Accidents of Note as Hath Happened in Virginia Since the First Planting of that Colony*, published in 1608.

Vocabulary

emperor: king, ruler

Document B: *General History* (Modified)

They brought Smith to Meronocomoco, where he saw Powhatan, their Emperor. Two great stones were brought before Powhatan. Then Smith was dragged by many hands, and they laid his head on the stones, ready to beat out his brains. Pocahontas, the King's dearest daughter took his head in her arms and laid down her own upon it to save him from death. Then the Emperor said he should live.

Two days later, Powhatan met Captain Smith and said they were friends. He told Smith to bring him two guns and a **grindstone** and he would consider Smith his son.



Illustration from *General History of Virginia*, 1624

Source: *Excerpt from Smith's later version of the story in General History of Virginia, New England and the Summer Isles, published in 1624.*

Vocabulary

grindstone: a round stone wheel used for sharpening

Pocahontas Graphic Organizer

	Document A: <i>True Relation</i>	Document B: <i>General History</i>
Source: Who wrote this document? When was it written? What type of document is this?		
Close Reading: According to this document, did Pocahontas save John Smith's life?		
Contextualization: What events occurred before Smith wrote this document? How might those events have influenced Smith's story?		

Which document, *A True Relation* or *A General History*, do you think provides a more believable version of whether or not Pocahontas saved John Smith's life? Why?

Make sure to use evidence from each document in your answer,