

Harbors



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When American Indian or English leaders were choosing a place to build a town, it was important to have a harbor. A harbor is a place where the water is deep enough to pull canoes and boats close to the shore. It was also important to be able to see enemies approaching from your town. Land on top of a hill or cliff with a wide view of the river was perfect. You can see this kind of landscape at many historic indigenous places, such as Werowocomoco, and at English colonial settlements like Jamestown.