

## VS.4a Agriculture's influence on slavery

# Cause

Colonists grow tobacco to sell  
for money.  
They do not grow it to eat.

Agriculture and crops are successful  
in Virginia.

Colonists successfully sold lots of  
tobacco in England.

Successful tobacco planting relied  
on lots of reliable and inexpensive  
labor.

### Teacher Tips:

1. First, discuss cause and effect with student, giving everyday examples that are realistic to the students to help build background knowledge.
2. Discuss the causes and effects related to VS.4a. Refer to the Curriculum Framework, page 16 for details.
3. Fold a colorful piece of 8 1/2" x 11" paper in half, hot dog fold.
4. Turn the paper so that the fold is on the left side.
5. Cut out the title "cause", and the 4 cause statements.
6. Space these rectangles evenly on the top of the hot dog fold.
7. Glue them on the paper, with the title "cause" on top.
8. Cut a slits through the top layer only to make 5 flaps that will open.
9. Cut out the "effect" rectangles.
10. Glue the "effect" title rectangle under the "cause" title flap.
11. Glue the corresponding "effect" rectangles under each "cause" glued to the top flaps.

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# Effect

Tobacco becomes a cash crop.

The Virginia colony becomes dependent on agriculture for their economy.

Tobacco became the most profitable agricultural product and trade product in the Virginia colony.

Many Africans were brought to the Virginia colony against their will to work as slaves on the plantations. Plantations depended on slave labor.