

# "LIFE WAS EASIER BACK THEN."

## BREATH TAKING JAMESTOWN

### Spiritual



#### Values & significance then & now:

- only spiritual item that includes all symbolism
- physically functions as a letter seal, but spiritually functions as a *memento mori*
- *transcends material culture*

Archaeology helps to reshape the current grim values on death!

#### Linkage to the theme: dealing with the taboo topic--death

- *Then: a door to Elysium (the abode of the dead)* Now: based on religion/ culture



Letter Seal

#### Context:

17th Century,  
Confederate Fort

### Tobacco

- Compact tobacco

#### • Significance:

tobacco consumption in the 17th century

#### • Connection to the theme:

The bridge between entertainment and death

#### • Now:

its presence in movies and TV dramas

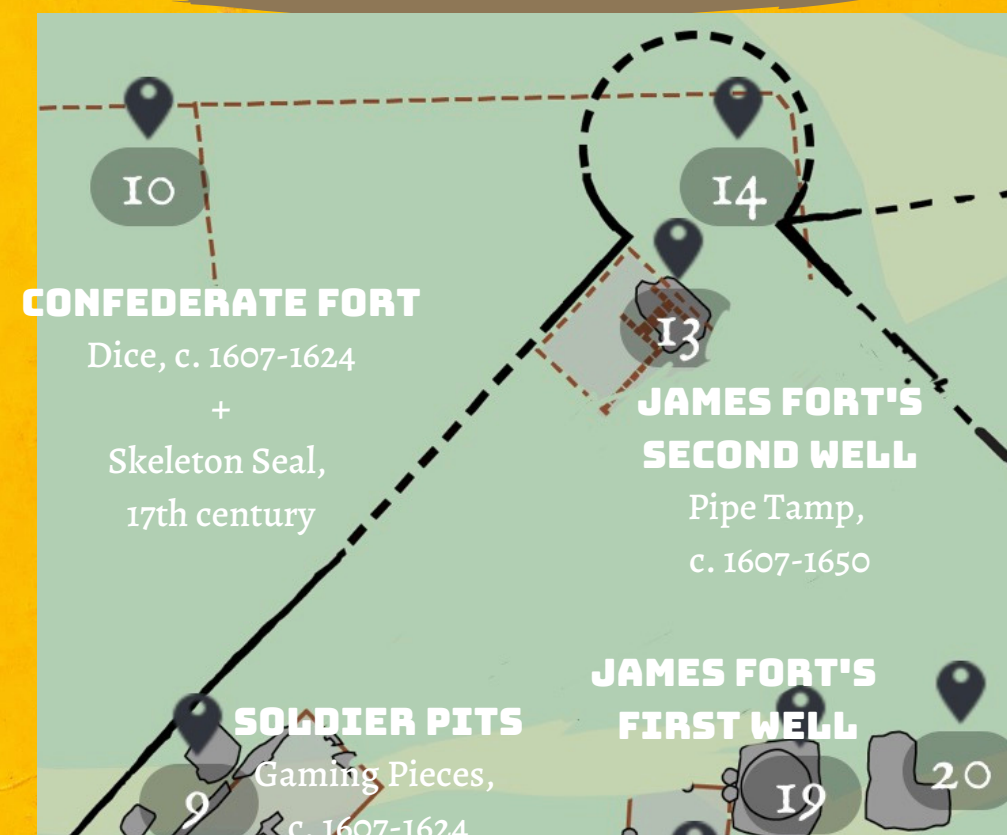
#### Context:

17th century,  
James Fort

#### Pipe Tamp



#### Jamestown context



#### • Mediator:

between recreation & spirituality

#### • Greyish Area that is difficult for moral judges:

A history of addicts/Celebrated movie figures/Cross-cultural charm

#### • Modern Linkage:

Such excavation helps us understand the past and shapes cultural interpretations



**SMOKING IS DETRIMENTAL  
TO YOUR HEALTH.**

### Entertainment

#### Dice

#### Context:

c. 1607-1624, James Fort



#### Gaming Pieces

#### Context:

c. 1607-1617, Second Well, Soldier Pits



*We have to  
pass on this  
old cultures!*

#### Values & significance then & now:

- *Dice*: people used in gambling, 2 or more players guessing the sum of a pair of dices thrown. Numbers marked ranged from 1-6, and opposite sides will get the sum of 7.
- *Gaming pieces*: they were chess pieces available for 2 players at a time.
- similar appearance and usage of dice and chess now and then
  - modern dice and chess were developed from the ancient model and these old games were luckily well preserved among the old and treasured traditions

#### Linkage with the Topic:

##### Past:

- people had simpler forms of entertainment, which shows a simpler life.
- Played with simple toys
- more time to relax and rest

##### Nowadays:

- people entertain themselves with their electronic devices.
- more forms of entertainments
- have less time to relax

