



## Hello... Does Anyone Hear Me?

In 1619, the House of Burgesses was created so that colonists in Virginia could **choose representatives to speak for them** and help make decisions about their community. Before this, most decisions were made far away in England, and colonists had little say. The House of Burgesses showed that people wanted a **voice in rules that affected their daily lives**.

Think about a time in **your own life** when you wanted a say in a decision that affected you—at school, at home, on a team, or in a club. Write a paragraph explaining what the situation was, how decisions were made, and how it felt to have (or not have) a voice. Then explain how your experience is similar to why colonists created the House of Burgesses.