ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS
1. Can you identify the James River on this map?
2. Look closely. What else do you notice?
3. How long do you think it took to walk across Richmond at the time that this map was created?
4. Who do you think lived here before the English colonists?

CONTEXT
William Byrd II hired William Mayo to survey and develop a plan for the town of Richmond because it reminded him of the English shire Richmond on the Thames. Beginning as a small informal village that popped up around one of Byrd’s tobacco warehouses, Richmond soon grew to be a city of trade where goods from the European continent were imported and enslaved individuals, tobacco and cotton were exported.

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