



***Elizabeth's Jamestown Colony Diary:  
The Starving Time (Book 2)***  
**Possible Argumentative Claims**

The debatable issue for this project is:

**Does Elizabeth become dehumanized at any time during the "starving time" of 1609 - 1610 in Jamestown?**

These are possible argumentative claims that can be made on either side of the debatable issue on *Elizabeth's Jamestown Colony Diary: The Starving Time*.

**Elizabeth does become dehumanized during the "starving time"**

Elizabeth loses hope during the "starving time."

Elizabeth no longer feels a deep bond with innocent and helpless babies.

Elizabeth cannot feel close to her best friend Mary Dobson during the "starving time."

The government of the Jamestown colony collapses in the "starving time," which means the colonists (including Elizabeth) are living more like animals in the wilderness.



Elizabeth became completely obsessed by thoughts of food.

Customs of civilization, such as keeping and loving pets, break down during the “starving time.”

**Elizabeth does not become dehumanized during the “starving time”**

Elizabeth discovers bravery in herself that she didn’t know she had.

Elizabeth continues to plan and strategize to get her family and Jamestown through the “starving time.”

Elizabeth does feel very negative emotions during the “starving time,” but she felt very negative emotions before the “starving time,” too.

Elizabeth maintains her likes and dislikes of other people at all times.

Elizabeth has limits on what she will eat, even at her hungriest.

Elizabeth’s virtues, such as her caring for others and her generosity, remain intact.