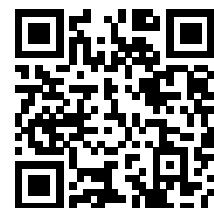


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## Ralph Lane's Leadership in Roanoke



The Roanoke Colony was the first English \_\_\_\_\_ in the New World. It was established in 1585 on Roanoke Island, in present-day North Carolina. Ralph \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed as the governor of this colony. Lane was a military officer with experience in Ireland. He faced many \_\_\_\_\_ during his time as governor. The colony struggled with food shortages and poor relations with the \_\_\_\_\_ Native American tribes. Lane and his men depended on supplies from England, but these were often delayed.

In 1586, the \_\_\_\_\_ became desperate. Lane decided to send some of his men to explore the surrounding areas for food and \_\_\_\_\_. They had conflicts with the Native Americans, which made the situation worse. One of the key \_\_\_\_\_ was the colony's location. It was difficult to defend and had poor access to fresh water. Lane's leadership was \_\_\_\_\_ because he could not secure a stable food supply or maintain good \_\_\_\_\_ with the natives.

The turning point came when Sir Francis Drake, a famous English \_\_\_\_\_, arrived with supplies and offered to take the colonists back to England. Ralph Lane accepted the \_\_\_\_\_, and the colony was abandoned in June 1586. When a new group of \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in 1587, they found the Roanoke Colony deserted. The fate of the original colonists remains a \_\_\_\_\_ to this day. Ralph Lane's role in the Roanoke Colony is often viewed as a \_\_\_\_\_, but it provided valuable lessons for future English settlements in America.

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