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# Roanoke's Enigma



In 1587, a group of \_\_\_\_\_ arrived on Roanoke Island. They hoped to establish a new \_\_\_\_\_ under the English crown. Led by John White, the settlers faced many \_\_\_\_\_. Supplies were scarce, and relations with local Native American tribes were \_\_\_\_\_. John White returned to England for more resources. He left behind his \_\_\_\_\_ and other colonists, promising to come back soon.

Due to the war with \_\_\_\_\_, White's return was delayed. It took him three years to get back to Roanoke \_\_\_\_\_. When he arrived, the colony was deserted. The only clue left was the \_\_\_\_\_ "CROATOAN" carved into a tree. This word referred to a nearby \_\_\_\_\_ and a Native American tribe. White searched for his family and the other settlers but found no \_\_\_\_\_ of them.

The disappearance of the Roanoke colonists remains a great \_\_\_\_\_. Many theories have been suggested over the years. Some believe the settlers were \_\_\_\_\_ into local Native American tribes. Others think they may have died due to disease or \_\_\_\_\_. No definitive evidence has ever been found. The story of Roanoke continues to captivate \_\_\_\_\_ and the public alike.

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