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The Lost Colony



The Roanoke Colony was one of the first _____ by the English to establish a permanent settlement in the New World. This colony was located on _____ Island, which is part of present-day North Carolina. The colony was financed by Sir Walter _____, a famous English explorer. In 1587, a group of 115 settlers, led by John White, landed on the _____. They hoped to create a thriving community.

However, life on Roanoke Island was difficult. The _____ faced numerous challenges, including conflicts with local Native American tribes and a lack of sufficient _____. John White returned to England to gather more resources and support. Unfortunately, he was delayed for three _____ due to a naval war between England and Spain. When he finally returned in 1590, he found the colony _____.

The disappearance of the Roanoke settlers remains one of America's oldest _____. The only clue left behind was the word "CROATOAN" carved into a wooden post. Some _____ believe the settlers might have joined the Croatoan tribe, but there is no definitive _____. The fate of the settlers has led to numerous theories and much _____.

The story of the Roanoke Colony highlights the harsh realities of early _____. It serves as a reminder of the bravery and struggles of the first European settlers in America. The _____ surrounding the Roanoke Colony continues to captivate historians and enthusiasts alike.

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