## The Mystery of Croatoan



The Roanoke Colony was one of the first English settlements in America. It was established on \_\_\_\_\_\_ Island in 1587. However, by 1590, the settlers had mysteriously disappeared. The only clue left behind was the word "\_\_\_\_\_\_' carved into a post. This single word has led to much speculation and mystery. The colony was led by John \_\_\_\_\_\_, who returned to England for supplies. When he came back to Roanoke Island, he found it deserted. The were taken down, and there was no sign of a struggle. The word "Croatoan" was carved into a post of the \_\_\_\_\_\_. John White took this as a sign that the settlers might have moved to Croatoan Island, which is now known as Hatteras

Croatoan was also the name of a local Native American tribe. Some historians believe the settlers might have joined the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tribe for survival. Archaeological evidence suggests there was interaction between the settlers and the Croatoan people. Despite many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the fate of the Roanoke settlers remains unknown. Some think they were killed by hostile tribes or Spanish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Others believe they integrated with the Native Americans. The word Croatoan has become a symbol of this enduring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In popular culture, the Roanoke Colony and the word Croatoan have inspired books, TV shows, and movies. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ captures the imagination because it is an unsolved mystery. The disappearance of the Roanoke settlers and the enigmatic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Croatoan continue to fascinate people today.

