**The Mystery of Roanoke Island Guided Notes**

**The English in America**

* By the 1600s the English had taken a large interest in North America.
* Queen Elizabeth encouraged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and was interested in building colonies in North America.
* A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is a settlement ruled by another country.

**Francis Drake**

* Francis Drake was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sail around the world in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* During an expedition in 1577, Drake attacked a Spanish ship, stole its treasure, and sailed around the world to escape \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ warships.
* Drake was famous for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Spanish ships and taking their\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* One story reports that Drake stole so much gold from the Spanish that his ship nearly sank.
* Drake took 80 pounds of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 tons of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 13 cases of silver \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and cases full of pearls and precious stones.
* The Spanish nicknamed him the Dragon.

**Sir Walter Raleigh**

* In **1584** Queen Elizabeth said Sir Walter Raleigh could set up England’s first colony in North America.
* In July of **1585**, the colonists land on an island just off the coast of present-day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The island was called Roanoke.

**Trouble from the Start**

* In less than one year, the colony failed.
* The colonists did not know how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in their new environment.
* Francis Drake visited the colony in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and found the colonists starving and took them back to England.
* In **July 1587**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sent a second group to settle Roanoke Island.

**A Second Chance**

* Raleigh appointed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to be the leader of the second group.
* In **August 1587**, after John White helped the colonists get settled, he went back to England for supplies.
* While he was gone, his ship was taken to fight a war with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and he was unable to return to Roanoke Island for three years.

**Three Years Later**

* After England defeated Spain, John White returned to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – only to find everyone was gone!
* All that remained were some torn books, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ruined by rain, and weapons covered with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* He found the letters CRO carved on a nearby tree and the word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ carved on a wooden post.

**The Lost Colony**

* John White searched for the settlers he had left behind and fired shots into the air.
* They searched but found \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They shouted but no one answered.
* Nothing was ever found of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Roanoke Island.

**Possible Theories**

* Some people believe the settlers went to live with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_who later were called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Indians.
* Many Lumbee Indians today still have the last names of people from the lost colony.

Other ideas?

**John White’s Family**

* When John White returned to England in 1587, he left his own family including his granddaughter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* She was born August 18, 1587. She was the first child born in North America to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parents.
* She vanished along with the other settlers of Roanoke \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Directions:**

After reading the article, *Researchers Hopeful the North Carolina Site Is That of the Lost Colony,* **respond to the following in 2-3 paragraphs**:

**What do you think happened to the Lost Colony?**