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# The Lost Colony of Roanoke

Let's take a trip, everybody gather 'round;

We're about to go 20 years before Jamestown.

In 1587, on an island

Off the coast of present-day North Carolina

Where \_\_\_\_\_ landed—115.

They came to make the first permanent British \_\_\_\_\_.

During the first year it was rough;

The settlers were running out of food and luck.

So the colony's \_\_\_\_\_, John White,

Sailed back to England to gather more supplies.

But when White arrived in England, his timing was poor

Because Spain and England broke out in a war.

So his plan to return to Roanoke was \_\_\_\_\_,

'Cause the war required every single ship with a sail.

Three years later, White and his crew came back

But the settlement was gone. Yup, just like that,

The people, the buildings, gone without a trace,

Except a wooden post with one word carved in its face:

CROATOAN. To this day no one knows

What happened to the colonists, but there's some who \_\_\_\_\_

They went to Croatoan, an island nearby,

Inhabited by an Indigineous tribe.

It's thought the colonists couldn't survive

On their own, so they \_\_\_\_\_ Roanoke

To live with the Croatoans.

Another \_\_\_\_\_ says the settlers were killed

By Spanish colonists from Florida, but there's more still.

We've got theory number three:

They tried to sail back to England and died at sea.

Now, despite what \_\_\_\_\_ found in the ground,

We'll probably never know exactly what went down.