

SOCIAL STUDIES— THE ROANOKE COLONY MYSTERY

Description:

Students will read about the mysterious disappearance of the Roanoke Colony in the late 1500s. This activity can be done in school or at home.

Recommended Grades:

- 3-5

Materials/Resources:

- Roanoke Handout
- Pencil
- Optional: Roanoke Spinner Handout
- Glue, Scissors
- Paper Clip

Objectives:

Students will:

- Identify Roanoke Island in relation to Croatoan Island on a map,
- Give an informed opinion about the disappearance, and
- Justify different explanations about the colony's disappearance.

Classroom Use:

Discuss the activity with the students. Ask them what they know about the Roanoke Colony and North America in the late 16th century. State that more than 100 English colonists disappeared from Roanoke in the late 1500s. Ask them to think about possible explanations.

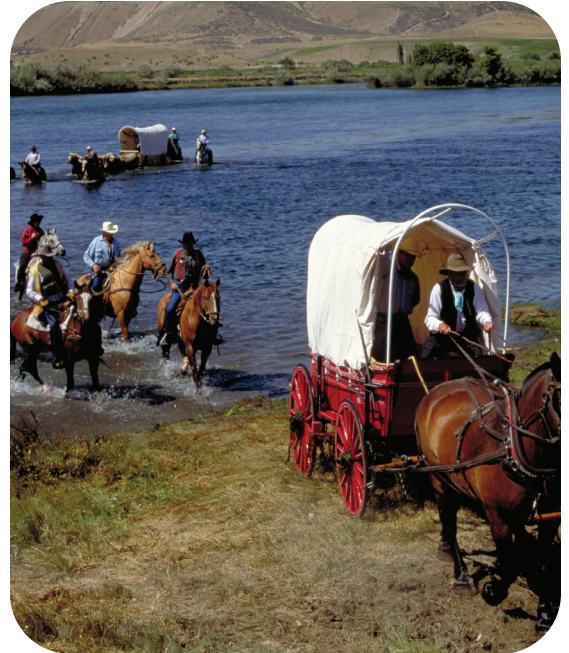
Teacher Directions:

Ask students to read or listen to [The Mystery of the Roanoke Colony](#) in Capstone Interactive. They should take notes on possible explanations. Then, go over the handout with the students and answer any questions. Ask students to complete the handout.

Next, make the Roanoke spinner as a group or individually. Glue the Roanoke spinner handout to a thin 8.5"x11" sheet of cardboard. Cut out the circle with the explanations.

Extension Activities:

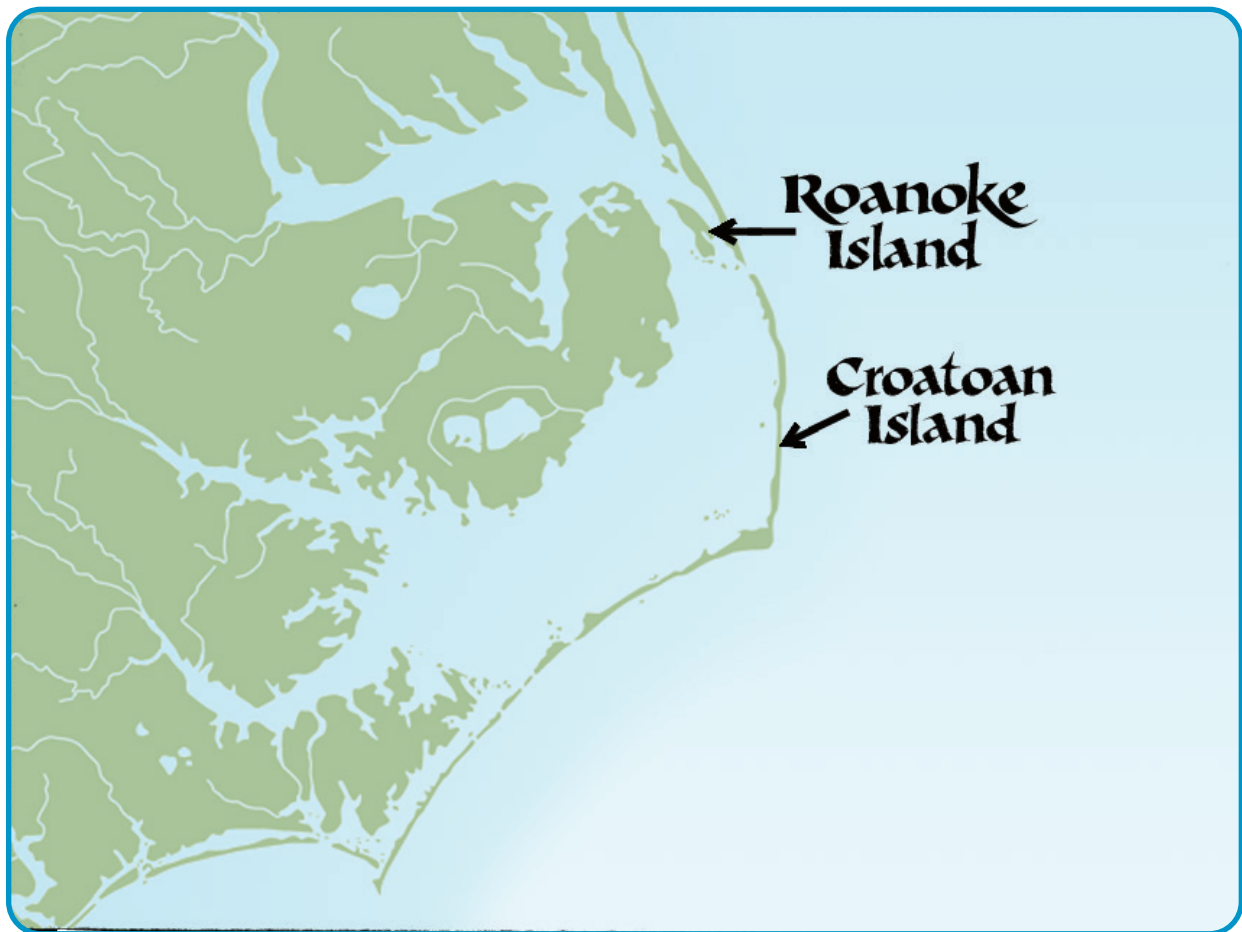
Read or listen to listen to the [American Colonies](#) article in Pebble Go Next.



WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ROANOKE COLONY?

Name: _____

Teacher: _____



In the 1580s, England attempted to start a colony on Roanoke Island. (It's part of North Carolina today.) The colony failed. No one knows what happened to the more than 100 colonists who lived there.

1. For background, read or listen to [The Mystery of the Roanoke Colony](#) in Capstone Interactive.
2. Take notes on the possible explanations for the vanishing of the entire colony.
3. Given what you've learned, how would you explain the disappearance of the Roanoke colony?

4. Turn in this sheet to your teacher when finished

EXPLAIN ROANOKE'S FATE

Use the spinner to explain the fate of the Roanoke Colony. Justify the answer.

