

Day 1

After several English explorations of North America, a permanent settlement was attempted by Queen Elizabeth in 1587. Over 100 settlers departed England to build a new colony in the Chesapeake Bay area on the coast of North Carolina. John White was the leader of the colonists, as he had previous experience in the area. The colonists attempted to build relationships with the local Native Americans that lived nearby, but the relationship was arduous because of some difficult experiences in the past. After some challenging months, John White went back to England for more supplies for the settlement.

1. What does departed mean?

- a. was banned from
- b. left
- c. shifted

2. What does arduous mean?

- a. easy
- b. difficult
- c. expensive

3. Underline the clues that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.

4. What inference can be drawn from today's passage?

- a. John White did not want to stay.
- b. The colonists didn't have enough resources to support their needs.
- c. John White returned because of difficulties with the natives.

Day 2

John White's return to England for more supplies was plagued by difficulties. White had set sail close to winter, which made it difficult for him to find a ship that would take him back to the colony. Additionally, England was at war with the Spanish and many available ships were being used to fight. At one point, John White tried to return with supplies, but the ship he was on attempted to steal cargo from Spanish ships. The supplies intended for the colonists were seized after the attempt failed. Three years after he initially arrived in England, White was finally able to return to the colony with supplies.

1. What does plagued mean?

- a. sickness
- b. troubled
- c. angered

2. What does seized mean?

- a. frozen
- b. sunk
- c. taken

3. Underline the clues that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.

4. What is the central idea of today's passage?

- a. John White faced many difficulties, which delayed his return.
- b. The war with the Spanish was the only cause of the delay.
- c. John White returned with supplies.

Day 3

When he returned three years later, John White was baffled to find the colony completely abandoned without any real evidence to show why they left. Among the missing colonists were White's daughter and granddaughter. Some of the buildings had been taken down, which led White to believe that they had not necessarily left quickly. John White had told the settlers to carve a certain symbol if they were in peril and they had not done so, which led White to believe that they left willingly. The word CROATOAN was carved into a board causing White to believe that the settlers had possibly moved to nearby Croatoan Island.

1. What does baffled mean?

- a. confused
- b. angered
- c. overjoyed

2. What does peril mean?

- a. hunger
- b. danger
- c. sickness

3. Underline the clues that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.

4. What inference can be drawn from today's passage?

- a. John White believed that the colonists had not survived.
- b. The colonists did not want John White to know where they went.
- c. John White believed the colonists were still alive.

Day 4

White deduced that the colonists had moved to Croatoan Island because of the carving left behind. The word CRO had also been carved into a tree. White attempted to search for the colonists, but was unable to because of the weather. Shortly after, White was forced to return to England with the ship. John White was never able to return to search for the colonists, which included his daughter and granddaughter. He passed away without ever knowing the fate of the colony that he helped establish.

1. What does deduced mean?

- a. betrayed
- b. explained
- c. assumed

2. What does establish mean?

- a. create
- b. destroy
- c. invest

3. Underline the clues that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.

4. What effect did the weather have on White's search?

- a. White was able to search for the colonists despite the weather.
- b. The weather had no effect on White's search.
- c. The delay caused by the weather was part of the reason White never determined the fate of the colony.

Day 5

Years later, officials finally decided to try to determine the fate of the colonists. The search did not turn up any answers and the fate of the colony, now known as the Lost Colony, remains a mystery to this day. Although there is no evidence that definitively shows what happened to the colony, there are some theories. One theory suggests that the colonists made an attempt to return to England on their own. Evidence shows that there was a drought at the time and the colonists may have been desperate enough to attempt the dangerous voyage. Other theories suggest that the colonists went to local Native American tribes. Some experts suggest that the Native Americans did not welcome them, while others believe that the colonists were absorbed by a friendly tribe. More recent research has turned up new evidence and a few researchers believe they have solved the mystery.

1. What does definitively mean?

- a. hurriedly
- b. convincingly
- c. questionably

2. What does absorbed mean?

- a. taken in
- b. attacked
- c. ignored

3. Underline the word or words that helped you determine the answers to 1 & 2.

4. Write an objective summary of today's passage.

5. Which theory do you think is the least likely to be true? Support your answer with evidence from any passage.
