

# The Brief And Tragic History Of The Lost Colony Of Roanoke

The Lost Colony of Roanoke is one of the most enduring mysteries in American history. In 1587, a group of 115 English colonists disappeared from Roanoke Island, off the coast of present-day North Carolina. No trace of them has ever been found.

The Lost Colony has been the subject of much speculation and debate over the years. Some believe that the colonists were killed by Native Americans, while others believe that they assimilated into Native American tribes. Still others believe that they sailed away to another English colony or even to Europe.



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## **The Founding Of Roanoke**

The Lost Colony was founded by Sir Walter Raleigh, an English explorer and courtier. In 1584, Raleigh received a charter from Queen Elizabeth I to establish a colony in North America. Raleigh's goal was to find gold and other valuable resources, and to establish a permanent English presence in the New World.

In 1584, Raleigh sent an expedition of two ships to Roanoke Island. The expedition was led by Philip Amadas and Arthur Barlowe. Amadas and Barlowe explored the island and met with the local Native American tribe, the Croatoan. The Croatoan were friendly to the English, and they agreed to allow the English to settle on the island.

In 1585, Raleigh sent a second expedition to Roanoke Island. This expedition was led by Sir Richard Grenville. Grenville established a colony on the island, and he left 107 men behind to hold the colony.

The colony at Roanoke struggled from the beginning. The colonists were poorly prepared for life in the New World, and they were unable to find enough food. The colonists also had difficulty getting along with the Native Americans.

In 1586, Grenville returned to Roanoke Island with supplies and reinforcements. However, he found that the colony had been abandoned. The colonists had left behind a message carved into a tree, which said, "CROATOAN."

## **The Mystery Of The Lost Colony**

The disappearance of the Lost Colony remains one of the greatest mysteries in American history. There are many theories about what happened to the colonists, but no one knows for sure.

One theory is that the colonists were killed by Native Americans. The colonists had a difficult relationship with the Native Americans, and there were several conflicts between the two groups. It is possible that the Native Americans attacked the colony and killed the colonists.

Another theory is that the colonists assimilated into Native American tribes. The colonists may have been unable to find enough food to survive on their own, and they may have turned to the Native Americans for help. It is possible that the colonists were adopted by the Native Americans and became part of their tribes.

Still another theory is that the colonists sailed away to another English colony or even to Europe. The colonists may have decided that they could not survive on Roanoke Island, and they may have sailed away to another location. It is possible that the colonists sailed to another English colony, such as Jamestown or Plymouth. It is also possible that they sailed to Europe.

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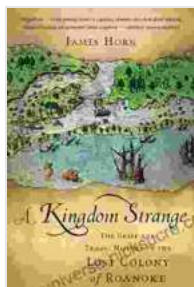
## **The Legacy Of The Lost Colony**

The Lost Colony has left a lasting legacy in American history. The mystery of their disappearance has been the subject of much speculation and

debate, and it has inspired countless works of art and literature.

The Lost Colony is also a reminder of the challenges that the early colonists faced in the New World. The colonists were poorly prepared for life in the New World, and they had difficulty getting along with the Native Americans. The Lost Colony is a reminder of the sacrifices that the early colonists made in order to build a new life in America.

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