

Roanoke Task Guide

**Use the link under “Roanoke” to gather this information.*

1. READ the first section titled “What happened to the lost colony at Roanoke?” out loud with your group. As you read, TAKE NOTE of **at least 2 clues** or pieces of information that would help you decide what happened to this group of English colonists.

a. _____

b. _____

2. Next, READ the section titled “The Lost Colony at Roanoke” out loud with your group, answering the following questions:

a. Define ***expedition***: _____

b. How many expeditions to Roanoke occurred before the “Lost Colony” was established? _____

c. Was the 1585 expedition *friendly* or *unfriendly* (circle the correct answer)?

d. What happened to the 1585 colony? _____

e. What happened to the 1587 colony? _____

f. How might the 1585 expedition have affected the 1587 group? _____

g. Define ***duress***: _____

h. Why do historians believe the colonists didn’t leave under duress? _____

i. How many years after the colony was “lost” did an actual “search” take place? _____

j. List 3 things that have made it difficult to figure out the mystery of the colony’s disappearance:

3. READ the last section, "Roanoke Mystery: Evidence and Theories of the Lost Colony." DISCUSS which theory you believe is the most believable/logical with your group members. Then, WRITE **a paragraph** (*minimum of 5 sentences*) explaining what you believe happened to the Lost Colony of Roanoke. Support your theory with at least three pieces of evidence.
