Name: \_\_Answer Key\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What Happened to the Lost Colony at Roanoke?**

***Reading Guide***

*Complete the statements below as you read about the fate of the Lost Colony.*

*The Evidence*

1. When John White returned to the Roanoke settlement, he found that the houses \_\_\_had been taken down\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and there were two carvings: \_\_\_”CROATOAN” and “CRO”\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. He also found that the small cannons and boats \_\_\_were gone\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the chests containing \_drawings, maps, and books\_\_\_ were \_torn apart and ruined by weather\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. He also found no no bones, no corpes, or no evidence\_\_\_ at the site.

*The Background*

1. The first two expeditions to Roanoke caused problems with the local Native Americans because \_\_\_the settlers routinely kidnapped local tribal leaders and held them for ransom, despite relying on these “savage” for food and supplies\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Unlike the previous 2 expeditions which consisted only of men, the 1587 (Lost Colony) population included \_\_\_women and children and looked like later successful colonies.\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Lost Colonists were led by \_\_Gov. John White\_\_\_\_, who had been a member of \_\_\_1585 colony\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. These colonists managed to repair relations with the local \_\_\_Powhatans\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tribe, while the other nearby tribes \_\_maintained their distance\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Because of the lack of support from most Natives, the colony depended on \_\_\_supplies from England\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. White left in August of 1587 to gather more provisions and when he returned, he found \_\_that the colony – including his daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter (Virginia Dare, the first English child born in North Americaa) – was gone.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. The carved word “CROATOAN” was an important clue because \_\_perhaps the colonists had moved in search of protection or food supply from the Powhatans\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and because there was no Maltese cross, he could assume \_\_they hadn’t left under duress\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. No real attempt to locate the Lost Colony took place until \_the Jamestown Colony was established in 1607 that any earnest searches were conducted to discover the fate of the lost Roanoke colonists\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. It’s difficult pinpoint the exact location of the Lost Colony because \_\_\_poor record keeping among White and others as well as years of abandonment have kept the exact whereabouts of the 1587 colony a mystery.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*The Theories*

1. According to White’s writings, he believed \_they moved fifty miles into the maine, meaning they moved inland into the forest of North Carolina\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The search parties and questioning of the Jamestown colonists found that \_white settlements further down the coast, nearby tribes who could read English and dressed similarly to Europeans, and a fair skinned blonde headed boy dressed as a native\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Both of these accounts support the most widely held theory about the fate of the Lost Colonists: \_\_they assimilated into some friendly Native American tribe\_\_. This so-called “Lumbee Connection” is based on the facts that \_the tribe’s oral history links to them to the Roanoke settlers, and this tradition is supported by some of their surnames and the tribe’s ability to read and write English\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. However, the colonists could also have met a more violent end at the hands of the Spanish because \_the Spanish were aware of the English colonist presence and their settlement was just down the coast in Florida\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. In the opinion of anthropologist Lee Miller, the colonists might also have \_wandered into a violent shift in the balance of power among inland tribes. Natives with whom the colonists were friendly lost their hold over the area, and Native Americans hostile to the settlers took control (men killed and women/children capture as slaves)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*Your Turn*

1. What do YOU think happened to the Lost Colonists? Be specific in your reasoning and make reference to the evidence left behind in your answer.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_