

**RAFT Writing:
The Lost Colony of Roanoke**

Directions: After completing class readings, activities, and watching a video about what happened to the colonists at Roanoke Island, complete a writing for ONE of the following scenarios. You will use your knowledge of The Lost Colony, information from readings, videos, and additional research to help you write from the point of view of one of the three witnesses about what may have happened to the colonists on Roanoke Island between 1587 and 1590.

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
<u>R</u>ole	Roanoke Colonist	Manteo - “The Lord of Roanoke” (Native American)	John White (Leader of the Lost Colony)
<u>A</u>udience	Future Generations	Great Spirit	A Relative or to Sir Walter Raleigh
<u>F</u>orm	Diary	Prayer	Letter
<u>T</u>ask	Write 8 diary entries, dated after August 27, 1587, that gives an account of what happened to the colonists on Roanoke after their leader, John White, leaves to return to England. Writing from the point of view of a colonist, be sure to use realistic details that give clues about daily life at the settlement, what Indian relations were like, and the overall atmosphere of the settlement and the frame of mind of your fellow colonists.	After the honor of being given the title “Lord of Roanoke”, Manteo is distressed about what happened to the colonists. From the perspective of Manteo, write a prayer to the Great Spirit asking for forgiveness for not taking better care of the settlers while giving details about what he thinks may have happened to them.	Upon your return to the colony at Roanoke on August 18, 1590, write a letter to your superior stating what you found upon your return with regard to the state of the settlement on Roanoke Island. Include what clues you may/may not have found, and what you think happened to the colonists you left there almost three years earlier. Include what your emotions are and what your level of responsibility is to the people you left behind.

As you plan for and create your writings, remember you are writing from the point of view (perspective) of one of these three people. You should be as realistic as possible in the details you chose to include. While this is a creative writing and you will have the ability to create many of the “details”, you still need to try to make your writing follow an accurate and truthful account of what happened as possible. Writings should be a minimum of one page in length.

Resources and Websites:

NC Text p. 66-69

WEBSITES:

“Archeologists Find New Clues to ‘Lost Colony’ Mystery” [History.com]

<https://www.history.com/news/archaeologists-find-new-clues-to-lost-colony-mystery>

“The Lost Colony of Roanoke” [OBX.org]

<https://www.outerbanks.org/things-to-do/attractions/historic-museums-sites/lost-colony/>

“Have We Found the Lost Colony of Roanoke?” [National Geographic]

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2013/12/131208-roanoke-lost-colony-discovery-history-raleigh/>

Lost Colony [NCPedia]

<https://www.ncpedia.org/lost-colony>

“What Happened to the Lost Colony of Roanoke Island” [History Extra BBC]

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/tudor/what-happened-to-the-lost-colony-of-roanoke-island/>

The Lost Colony of Roanoke [Encyclopedia Britannica]

<https://www.britannica.com/story/the-lost-colony-of-roanoke>

Lost Colony

<https://www.lost-colony.com/>

Finding Croatoan: Solving America’s Oldest Mystery

VIDEO TRAILER: <https://vimeo.com/253832585>

Religious History of Croatan Indians:

<http://www.unc.edu/~mmaynor/religious/early.html>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Croatan>