

# Who: The Explorers...



## Sir Humphrey Gilbert

- 1578: Received a charter from Queen Elizabeth to convert “heathens.”
- Made the first two attempts to reach Newfoundland.
- Died on his second voyage.



## Sir Walter Raleigh

- Gilbert’s half brother, decided to carry on his venture, so obtained a similar charter from Queen Elizabeth.
- 1584: reports from his voyage indicate rich land in the new world. England begins to transplant English culture to the New World.

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## Captains Philip Amadas and Arthur Barlowe

- April 27, 1584: Left England in two ships to explore North American coast for Sir Walter Raleigh.
- Landed in July on the NC coast just north of Roanoke Island.
- Natives were as fascinated by the white men as the explorers were by them.
- They took two Indians, Wanchese and Manteo, back to England with them for Raleigh to meet.

# THE FIRST COLONY

## Spring 1585

- Commanded by Raleigh's cousin Sir Richard Grenville, 500 men (108 were colonists) set sail for Virginia in 7 ships.

## Survival

- Colonists cultivated little land, and became dependent on Natives.
- Resorted to robbing their fish traps.
- Natives are tired of trading for meaningless English items.

## Disenchantment

- Colonists lose their gumption.
- Smallpox and measles brought from settlers begins to kill natives.

# THE FIRST COLONY (con't)

Colonists were struggling with little land cultivated and increasing dependence on Natives who were no longer willing to help.

Natives began to succumb to measles and smallpox.

**A Decision to  
Leave**

Sir Francis Drake's privateering fleet arrived and offered a ship as a way to return to England.

Sir Richard Grenville left 15 men to guard the settlement until a new group of colonists could be recruited.

# THE LOST COLONY

If at first you don't succeed...

- 1586: Sir Walter Raleigh plans another colony in Virginia.
- Located it at lower end of Chesapeake Bay because of reports of friendly Indians.

John White

- Raleigh sends White (again) and appoints him Governor of new colony.
- Included on the voyage was White's daughter, who was pregnant.

Supplies!

- After the birth of John White's granddaughter in August 1587, he was forced to return for badly needed supplies.

What took ya?!

- White did not return until 1590.
- There was no sign of the colonists except for the letters "CRO" carved on a tree.