

Roanoke: The Lost Colony

Alignment with 5th Grade Educational Standards

In this unit, students learn about Roanoke, England's failed, first colony in America. In the first chapter, students play as Manteo, a young Croatoan who will soon travel back to England with English explorers. Here students learn some of the core tenets of Carolina Algonquian societies such as the role of gift giving in establishing power. In the later chapters, students play as various English figures including the ship captain Arthur Barlowe, the soldier Ralph Lane, and finally the artist/scientist John White. These chapters guide students through the major events of the colony from the initial exploration (1584) through the first and second attempts at settlement (1585-6, 1587 respectively). Students will see how many of the European ideas developed during the Age of Exploration came together in this first English colony. Simultaneously, the stage will be set for understanding later interactions between English and Native peoples.

Topics Covered

- Age of Exploration
- Early European Colonization of America
 - Why English Political Elites Wanted a Colony
 - What the English Learned about Colonization from their Experience at Roanoke
- Cross-Cultural Encounter
 - Different Worldviews of European vs. Native American Societies
 - Reasons for Misunderstanding, Conflict, and Cooperation
- Privateering and Piracy
 - Development of Naval Tactics at Sea in this Period
 - How England Came to Achieve Naval Dominance through Privateering
- Historical Geography
 - The Role of Geographic Thinking in Shaping Colonial Policy
- Early Modern Europe
 - Political and Religious Backdrop for Colonization

National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies (Early Grades)

Standard #	Standard Name
1	Culture
2	Time, Continuity, and Change
3	People, Places, and Environments
5	Individuals, Groups, and Institutions
6	Power, Authority, and Governance
9	Global Connections



California History-Social Science Framework

Age of Exploration

- Why did Europeans Explore?
- How did European Explorers and Natives View Each Other?

Cooperation and Conflict in North America

- How did European Explorers and Settlers Interact with American Indians?
- How did American Indians Change as a Result of the Arrival and Settlement of European Colonists?
- Why did American Indians and European Settlers Fight with Each Other?
- What Role did Trade Play in Both Cooperation and Conflict Between and Among European Settlers?

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies

Standard #	Standard Name	Subject
1	Causes and Effects of European Colonization	History
6	Geographic Literacy	Geography
8	Geographic Patterns Influencing Location and Pattern of Settlement	
9	Adaptation and Modification of the Environment	
21	Relationship between the Arts and the Times during which they were Created.	Culture
22	Contributions of People of Various Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Groups	
23	Impact of Science and Technology on U.S. Society	Science, Technology, and Society
24	Critical-Thinking and Information Analysis	Social Studies Skills
26	Problem-Solving and Decision-Making	