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From 'goodliest and most pleasing Territorie' to abandoned settlement: what happened at Roanoke?

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Case Study 1: What problems did the settlers face?

Q1. Make a list of all the things that Lane thinks are good about the new country.

Q2. What does he think is wrong with America?

Q3. What does he think of the Amerindians?

Q4. If you received this letter, would you think America was a good or bad place to live? Why?

Q5. England wanted to establish a colony in America for many reasons. Does this letter give any hints why it was important? (Read the second half of the letter very carefully.)

Q6. What did Ensenore persuade Pemisapan to do?

Q7. What did the settlers fear?

Q8. Why do you think that the settlers needed Amerindian help?

Q9. What do you think the Amerindians thought of the settlers?

Q10. This expedition landed in Virginia between the 22 and 25 July 1587. How long was it before they asked the Governor, John White, to return to England? Do you think that this is a short or a long time?

Q11. Imagine you are one of the settlers and that you have been asked to write this letter. What would you say?

Q12. Use the table below to fill in all the good things about the settlement and all the problems the settlers faced. Do you think the settlers gave up too easily or was life just too hard in the new colony?

<i>Good things about Roanoke</i>	<i>Problems faced by the settlers</i>

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Case Study 2: Why did the settlement at Roanoke fail?

Q1. How does Lane get the information about the Amerindian settlement near the River Chawonock?

Q2. Is this a sensible way of getting information? How do you think it is seen by the Amerindians?

Q3. Why does Lane want to visit the settlement?

Q4. The trip does not go ahead. Why? What would you have done?

Q 5. Where does Lane want to go and what does he want to see?

Q6. Why do you think he would be interested in going to see it? Does it tell you anything about why people wanted to establish a settlement in America?

Q7. Food supplies were short and there was no way of knowing if a relief ship was on its way. Would you make the trip to Chaunis Temoatan or would you stay in Roanoke? Why?

Q8. This is a very visual account of how Pemisapan planned to attack the settlers. Imagine you are a documentary maker and you want to use this incident in a film you are making about the Roanoke settlement. Use the table below to make a list of all the key features of the proposed attack and then use the other column to record how you would show it on film. The first line has been filled in for you.

<i>Key Feature</i>	<i>How I would show it on film</i>
Tarraquine, Andacon and 20 men wait for dark to begin their attack.	Show the men of the fort settling down for the night. Some go to their houses, some stay on watch. In the trees outside the forest show the Amerindians waiting for night to fall and the settlers to go to sleep.

Q9. Make a list of all the reasons given in the sources for the failure of the settlement. Which do you think is the most important? If you have also looked at the other Case Study in this section you may like to use that information as well to help you answer the question.

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Imagine you are one of the first settlers of the Roanoke colony and you are writing a letter back home. You have been in America for a few months and things are not going well. What would you say? Why do you think the settlement is failing? What would you like to do? You can either make up your own letter or use the writing frame given below as a basis. We've given you a few hints about what you could include.

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Dear Mother,

I don't know whether this letter will ever reach you but I wanted to tell you about my life in America.

Our ship landed in this new found land of Virginia in July 1585. At first all went well. The land.....

(Describe what the first settlers might have thought about America when they first arrived.)

Even the natives were friendly to begin with. They.....

(What did the Amerindians do when the settlers first arrived?)

Things are now much worse. It all started to change as it turned to winter. Food is now very scarce. This is because.....

(Why was food scarce? Had they planted enough? Where did they get food from? Were the Amerindians still helping?)

The native Americans don't want to help us anymore. I think that this is because....

(Why might the Amerindians be reluctant to help?)

We are waiting for Sir Richard Grenville to send supplies from England. If they don't arrive I don't know what we will do. This settlement is a failure. I think that we should....

(What do you think the settlers would have wanted? To return home and come back with better supplies? Make peace with the Amerindians and try to make the settlement work? Abandon the idea completely?)

Your loving son,

(Remember - only men went on the first expedition!)