



# COLONIES TAKE ROOT

The First English Colonies

# Key Words



- Establish – Setup or found
- Sustain or sustainable – to support or keep going

# ROANOKE



- 2 Colonies settled on island of coast of North Carolina
- 1<sup>st</sup> Colony abandoned and returned to England
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Colony – Great American Mystery

# Roanoke & Neighboring Islands, late 1500s



1000 AD

c.1500

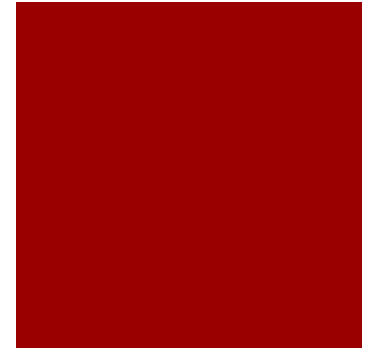
2000 AD

# Roanoke

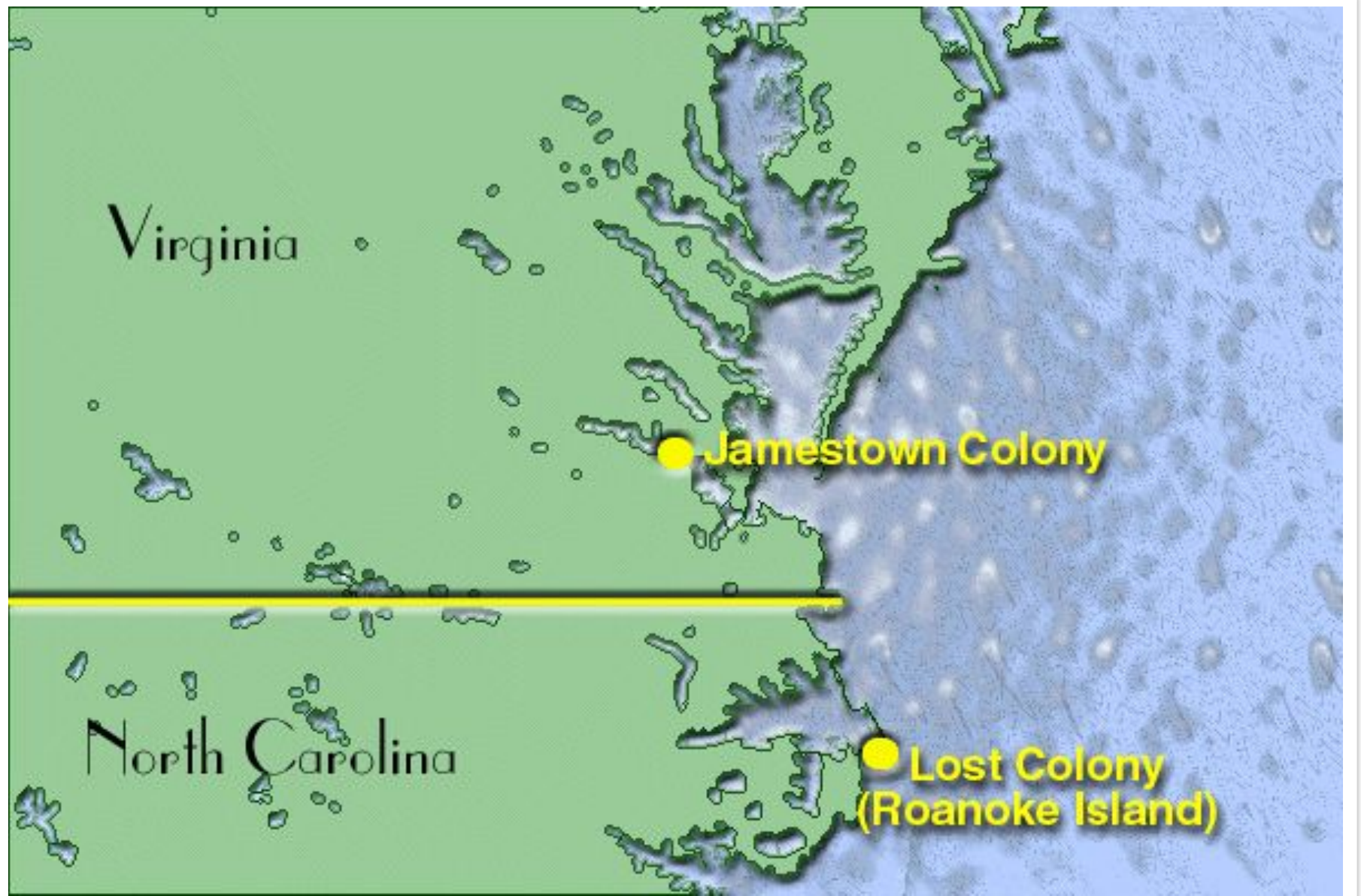


- 1587 (same time England & Spain were fighting)
- Couldn't send ships back because they were needed for the war (Spanish Armada)
- Ship returned with supplies in 1590
- No one was there.
  - Bones
  - Ruins
  - Croatoan carved into a tree

<http://www.history.com/topics/jamestown/videos#mystery-roanoke>



- What decisions may have impacted the sustainability of the Roanoke colony?
- What supplies would be key in this situation?
- What supplies would you alter? Why?



Virginia

● Jamestown Colony

North Carolina

● Lost Colony  
(Roanoke Island)



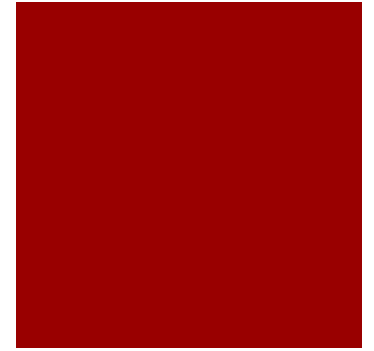
# Jamestown

- 1607
  - **Wealthy Merchants – Virginia Company of London**
    - 100 men
    - Merchants
    - Servants
    - Military officials
    - No explorers
- 38 left after a year / starved**



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- Why did Jamestown struggle in the beginning?
- What kind of people did you bring on your trip?
- What might you change? Why?

What role did John  
Smith play?

# John Smith



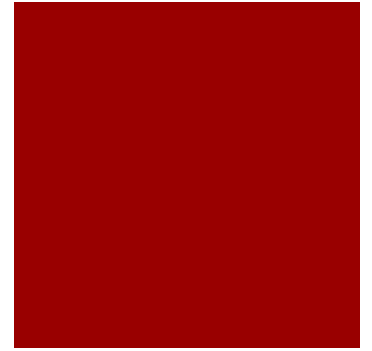
- Cleans house
- Made Rules for everyone to follow.
- “He who does not work does not eat”
- Hundreds of new colonist arrive
- John Smith had to go back to England
- Jamestown starts to go back to its old ways.

# Starving Time

- Indians wouldn't trade or bring food
- Wouldn't let settlers out of fort
- 60 settlers left after the winter

# New Leaders

- New leaders are sent to Jamestown
- Re establish rules
- Very successful crop – Tobacco makes \$\$\$

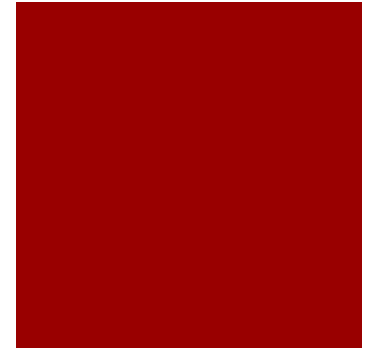


# House of Burgesses



- New government established
- Colonist voted for a person to represent them and vote for them
- Shared Power

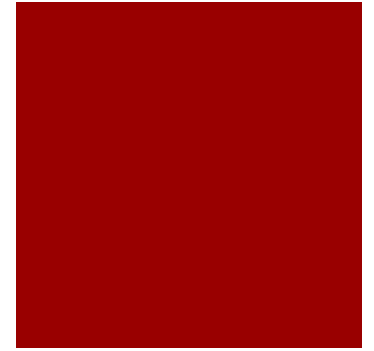
House of Burgesses	Appointed Governor
Create laws and taxes Vote to pass new laws	Can veto the laws & taxes passed



- How did leadership impact the Jamestown colony?
- Describe the type of leadership you selected for your colony?
- Would you make any changes? Why?



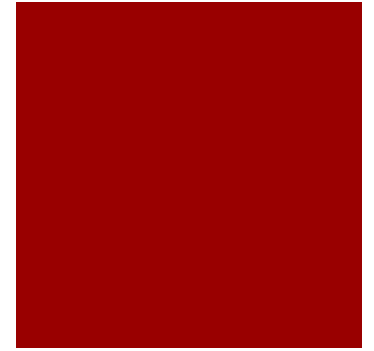
# Plymouth Colony



- Religion had to follow the monarch
- Separatist wanted a place to choose their religion
- 1620 Pilgrims left Europe for Virginia
- William Bradford - Leader
- **PILGRIM** – a person who takes a religious journey



# Plymouth Colony



- Landed in Massachusetts
- Many felt that since they were not in Virginia they didn't have to follow the law.
- Before leaving the ship they signed the

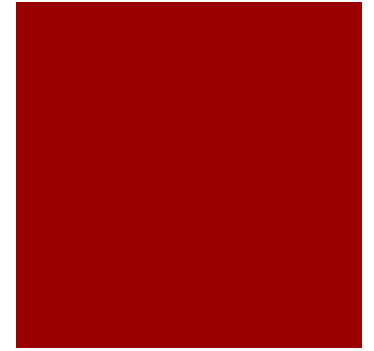
## **Mayflower Compact**

- 41 Men
- Created a government to make “just and equal laws”
- Office holders were elected

<http://www.history.com/topics/exploration-of-north-america/videos#deconstructing-history-mayflower>

# Mayflower Compact

- FIRST democratic document to be drafted in the New World
- The ideals and motives became an inspiration for later documents, such as the Constitution.





- Why did William Bradford decide to establish a form of government before leaving the ship?
- What were the first three tasks you assigned your colony?